

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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**Misc. Docket No. 16-9173**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS  
DALLAS COLLEGE OF LAW**

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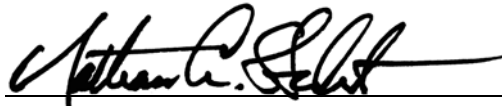
ORDERED:

The Supreme Court of Texas has received a Petition for Waiver of Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas from the University of North Texas Dallas College of Law (“UNT Dallas College of Law”). UNT Dallas College of Law has applied for provisional approval from the American Bar Association and expects a decision in June 2017, at the earliest.

Rule III(a) requires that an applicant for the bar exam have graduated from, satisfied all requirements for graduation from, or have completed all but four semester hours (or the equivalent in quarter hours) at an approved law school. Rule I(a)(4) defines *approved law school* as a law school approved by the American Bar Association. The Court grants a waiver of the approved-law-school requirement in Rule III(a) and orders that any person who has graduated from, satisfied all requirements for graduation from, or has completed all but four semester hours at UNT Dallas College of Law, and who meets all other eligibility requirements in the Rules, is eligible to take the Texas Bar Examinations offered in July 2017, February 2018, and July 2018.

Rule VI(b) and IX(a)(2) impose deadlines for filing a declaration of intention to study law and an application to take the July Texas Bar Examination. The Court waives both deadlines for students of UNT Dallas College of Law who apply to take the July 2017 bar exam. These students must file both their declaration and application by February 15, 2017, in order to meet the timely filing deadline. The Court waives the timely filing deadline under Rule VI(b) for filing a declaration of intention to study law for students of UNT Dallas College of Law who plan to take the February or July bar exams in 2018 or 2019. Those students must file their declarations by February 15, 2017, in order to meet the timely filing deadline.

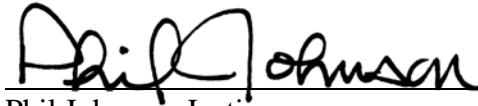
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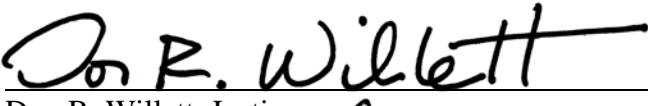
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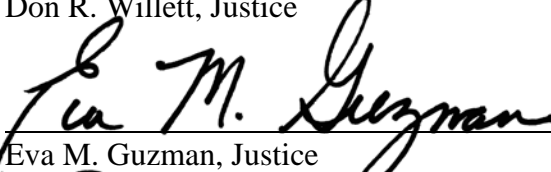
Paul W. Green, Justice



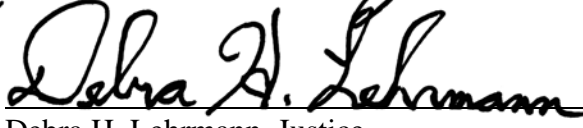
Phil Johnson, Justice



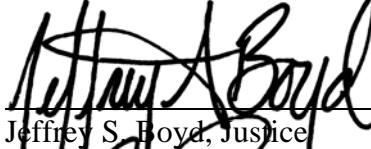
Don R. Willett, Justice



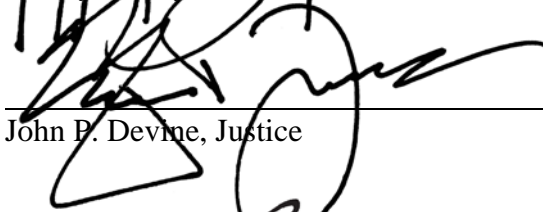
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



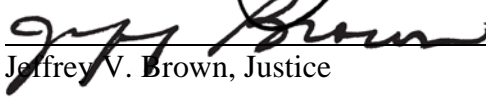
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice