

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 17-9070

## ORDER APPOINTING A TASK FORCE FOR PROCEDURAL RULES IN SUITS AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP FILED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY

ORDERED that:

House Bill 7, enacted by the 85th Legislature, directs the Court to make procedural rules for cases governed by Chapter 263 of the Family Code that address:

- (1) conflicts between the filing of a motion for new trial and the filing of an appeal of a final order rendered under this chapter; and
- (2) the period, including an extension of at least 20 days, for a court reporter to submit the reporter's record of a trial to an appellate court following a final order rendered under this chapter.

Act of May 30, 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., ch. 317, § 30 (H.B. 7) (to be codified at TEX. FAM. CODE § 263.4055).

A task force is appointed to advise the Court on the rules required by House Bill 7. The task force should make any other recommendations to the Court that the task force deems appropriate to expedite and improve the trial and appeal of cases governed by Chapter 263. In formulating its recommendations, the task force should be guided by the principle that proceedings under Chapter 263 should be expedited to minimize disruption and confusion in the lives of children and parents without precluding full consideration of the issues and their just and fair resolution.

The members of the task force are:

Hon. Dean Rucker	Midland	Anissa Johnson	Austin
Hon. Debra H. Lehrmann	Austin	Hon. Sandee Marion	San Antonio
Tina Amberboy	Austin	Hon. Michael Massengale	Houston
Mark Briggs	El Paso	Dylan Moench	Austin
Hon. Ada Brown	Dallas	Richard R. Orsinger	San Antonio
Audrey Carmical	Austin	Hon. Paul Rotenberry	Abilene
William B. Connolly	Houston	Georganna L. Simpson	Dallas
Lawrence M. Doss	Lubbock	Hon. John J. Specia, Jr.	San Antonio
Anna Ford	Austin	Hon. Angela Tucker	McKinney
Sandra D. Hachem	Houston	Luz A. ("Lucy") Williamson	Edinburg
Lisa Bowlin Hobbs	Austin		

Judge Dean Rucker is appointed as chair of the task force. The Court's liaison to the task force is Justice Eva Guzman.

The task force should submit its recommendations to the Court by December 1, 2017.

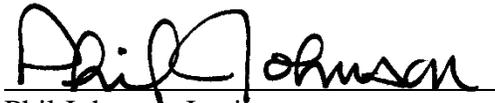
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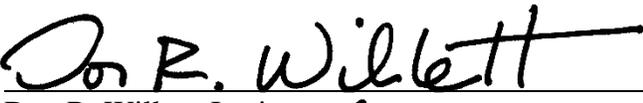
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



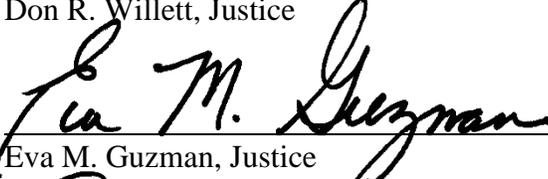
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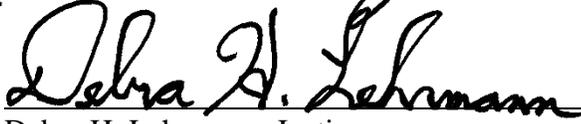
Phil Johnson, Justice



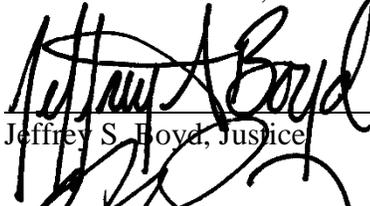
Don R. Willett, Justice



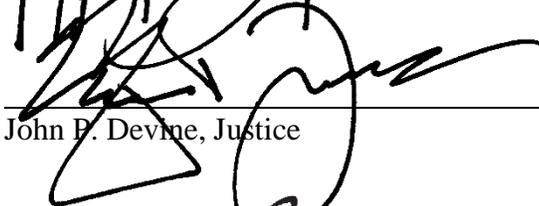
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



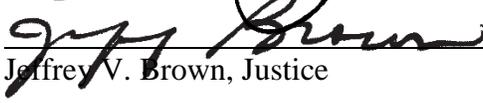
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John F. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice