

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 19-9050

**ORDER ADOPTING AND AMENDING COMMENTS TO
THE TEXAS CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

ORDERED that:

1. In accordance with the Act of May 19, 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., ch. 384 (HB 3233, codified at TEX. ELEC. CODE § 253.1612), the Court approves these changes to the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct:
 - a. Canon 2 of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct is amended to add the comment published in this order.
 - b. The comment to Canon 5 of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct is amended as published in this order.
2. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. cause a copy of this order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
 - c. send a copy of this order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - d. submit a copy of the order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

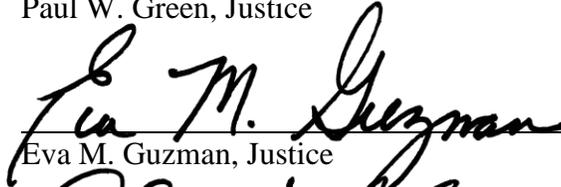
Dated: July 10, 2019



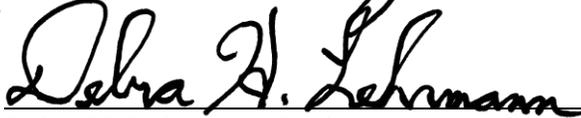
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Paul W. Green, Justice



Eva M. Guzman, Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



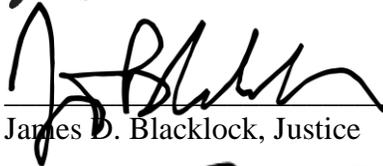
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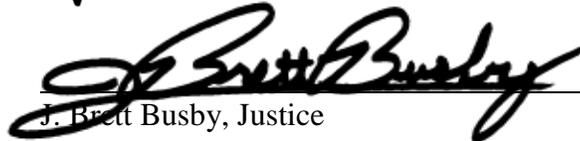
John F. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



J. Brett Busby, Justice

The following comment is added to Canon 2 of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct:

Canon 2: Avoiding Impropriety and the Appearance of Impropriety in All of the Judge's Activities

COMMENT

Consistent with section 253.1612 of the Texas Election Code, the Code of Judicial Conduct does not prohibit a joint campaign activity conducted by two or more judicial candidates.

The following comment to Canon 5 of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct is amended as follows:

Canon 5: Refraining from Inappropriate Political Activity

COMMENT

A statement made during a campaign for judicial office, whether or not prohibited by this Canon, may cause a judge's impartiality to be reasonably questioned in the context of a particular case and may result in recusal.

Consistent with section 253.1612 of the Texas Election Code, the Code of Judicial Conduct does not prohibit a joint campaign activity conducted by two or more judicial candidates.