

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 21-9070

ORDER ADOPTING COMMENT TO PART II OF THE TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

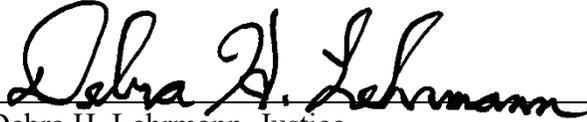
ORDERED that:

1. The Court approves the following comment to Part II of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.
2. The comment takes effect immediately.
3. 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: June 15, 2021



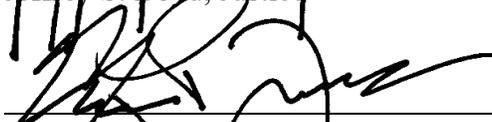
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



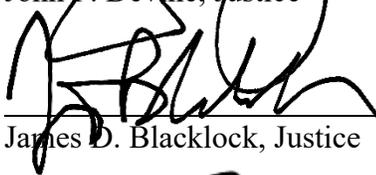
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



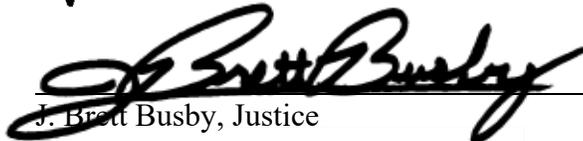
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John F. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice

TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

PART II. THE DISTRICT GRIEVANCE COMMITTEES

Comment: Consistent with section 81.086 of the Texas Government Code, these rules permit the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to allow or require anyone involved in an investigatory hearing, a summary disposition setting, or an evidentiary hearing—including but not limited to a party, attorney, witness, court reporter, or grievance panel member—to participate remotely, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means. A panel may consider as evidence sworn statements or sworn testimony given remotely. The term “teleconference” in these rules includes videoconference or other remote means.