

Supreme Court of Texas

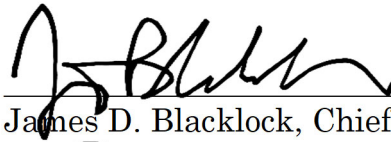
Misc. Docket No. 26-9079

Final Approval of Amendments to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 47 and 169

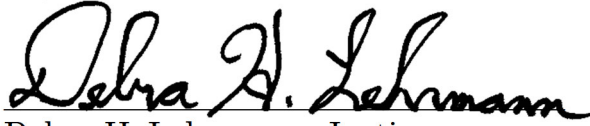
ORDERED that:

1. On May 29, 2026, in Misc. Dkt. No. 26-9037, the Court preliminarily approved amendments to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 47 and 169 and invited public comment.
2. No additional changes have been made to the proposed amendments following the public comment period. This order gives final approval to the amendments as set forth in Misc. Dkt. No. 26-9037 and reproduced below, effective immediately.
3. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. send a copy of this order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature;
 - c. 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*; and
 - d. submit a copy of this order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

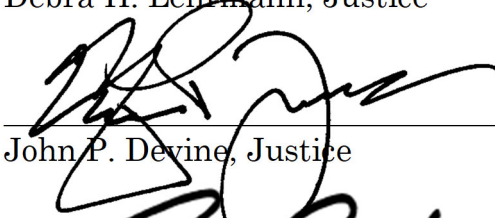
Date: October 2, 2026.



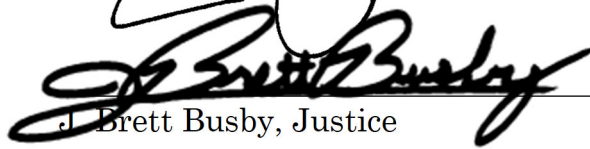
James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



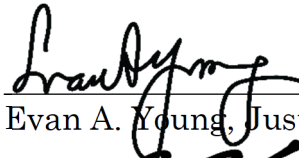
J. Brett Busby, Justice



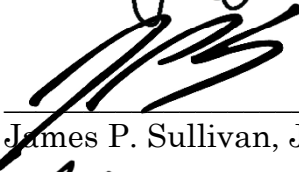
Jane N. Bland, Justice



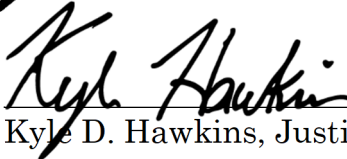
Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice



James P. Sullivan, Justice



Kyle D. Hawkins, Justice

TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

RULE 47. CLAIMS FOR RELIEF

An original pleading which sets forth a claim for relief, whether an original petition, counterclaim, cross-claim, or third party claim, shall contain

- (c) except in suits governed by the Family Code, a statement that the party seeks:
- (1) only monetary relief of ~~\$250,000~~\$325,000 or less, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney fees and costs;
 - (2) monetary relief of ~~\$250,000~~\$325,000 or less and non-monetary relief;
 - (3) monetary relief over ~~\$250,000~~\$325,000 but not more than \$1,000,000;
 - (4) monetary relief over \$1,000,000; or
 - (5) only non-monetary relief; and

Comment to 2026 change: Rule 47 is amended to implement amendments to section 22.004(h-1) of the Texas Government Code.

RULE 169. EXPEDITED ACTIONS

- (a) *Application.* The expedited actions process in this rule applies to a suit in which all claimants, other than counter-claimants, affirmatively plead that they seek only monetary relief aggregating ~~\$250,000~~\$325,000 or less, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney fees and costs.

- (b) *Recovery.* In no event may a party who prosecutes a suit under this rule recover a judgment in excess of ~~\$250,000~~,\$325,000, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney fees and costs.

Comment to 2026 change: Rule 169 is amended to implement amendments to section 22.004(h-1) of Texas Government Code.