

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 11- 9138

ORDER APPOINTING A TASK FORCE FOR POST-TRIAL RULES IN CASES INVOLVING TERMINATION OF THE PARENTAL RELATIONSHIP

ORDERED that:

1. A task force is appointed to advise the Supreme Court regarding rules to be adopted or revised for post-trial proceedings in cases involving termination of the parental relationship pursuant to House Bill 906 enacted by the 82nd Legislature (Act of May 5, 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., ch. 75). The task force is to be guided by the principle that such proceedings 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.

2. The task force should consider revisions to Rule 28, Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure; the adoption of new rules; the general impact of chapter 13, Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code; and any other matters that may assist in implementing House Bill 906.

3. Because House Bill 906 amends section 263.405 of the Texas Family Code to eliminate certain post-trial procedures effective September 1, 2011, and calling for rules to accelerate appeals as soon as practicable after that date but not later than March 1, 2012, the task force is directed to:

a. advise the Court by August 15, 2011, what rules or rules amendments should be adopted before September 1, 2011, if any, and

b. make final recommendations to the Court by October 17, 2011, on the rules to be adopted, to be presented to the Supreme Court Advisory Committee at its regular meeting on October 21-22, 2011.

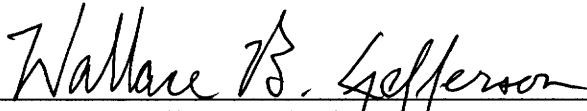
4. The members of the task force are:

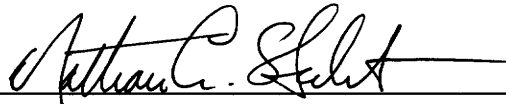
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5. Hon. Dean Rucker is chair of the task force.

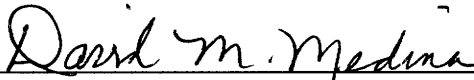
6. Hon. Eva Guzman is the Supreme Court's liaison to the task force.

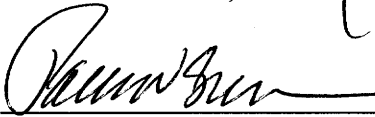
Dated: July 15, 2011



Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

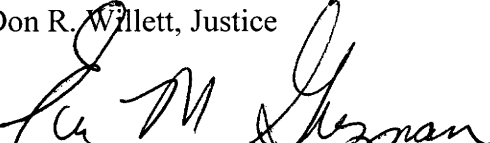

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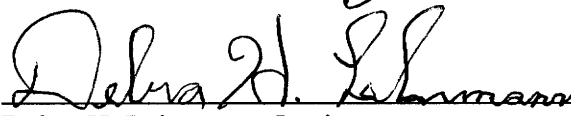

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