

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 92- 0105

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL RULES OF THE CIVIL TRIAL DIVISION OF THE HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS

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### **ORDERED:**


Pursuant to Rule 3a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Supreme Court approves the following local rules, which have been previously approved by the presiding judge of the appropriate administrative judicial region and submitted to this Court:

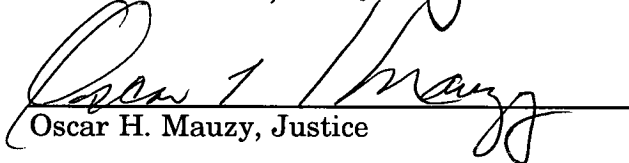
Amendments to Rules 3.5.1 and Rule 14 of the Local Rules of the Civil Trial Division of the District Courts of Harris County, approved by the civil judges July 7, 1992.

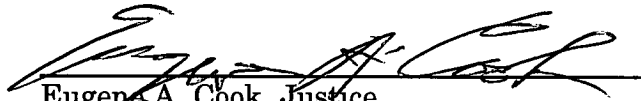
The approval of these rules is temporary, pending further orders of the Court.

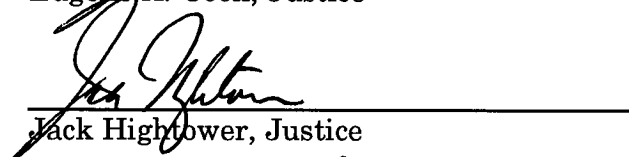
SIGNED AND ENTERED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1992.

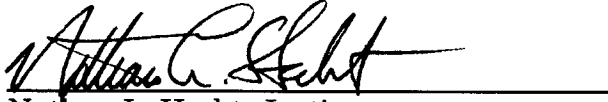
  
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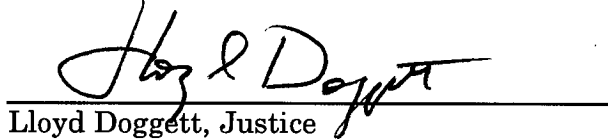
  
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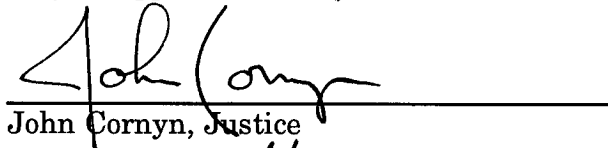
  
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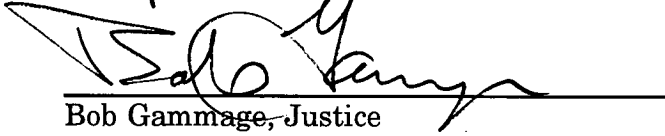
  
Eugene A. Cook, Justice

  
Jack Hightower, Justice

  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

  
Lloyd Doggett, Justice

  
John Cornyn, Justice

  
Bob Gammage, Justice

Amendments to Local Rules, Civil Trial Division, Harris County District Courts (Approved by civil judges July 7, 1992):

3.5. Ancillary Docket.

3.5.1. The ancillary docket consists of:

- (6) late-filed vacation designations and requests to amend vacation designations.

Rule 14. Vacations of counsel.

14.1. Subject to the provisions of subparts .2 and .3 of this rule, an attorney may designate not more than four weeks during a calendar year as vacation, during which that attorney will not be assigned to trial or required to engage in any pretrial proceedings. This rule operates only where lead counsel, as defined by T.R.C.P. 8, is affected, unless the trial court expands coverage to other counsel.

14.2. Summer vacations. Written designation for vacation weeks during June, July, or August must be filed with the district clerk by May 15. Summer vacation weeks so designated will protect the attorney from trials during those summer weeks, even if the order setting the case for trial was signed before the vacation designation was filed.

14.3. Non-summer vacations. Written designation for vacation in months other than June, July, or August must be filed with the district clerk by February 1. Non-summer vacation weeks may not run consecutively for more than two weeks at a time. Non-summer vacation weeks so designated will not protect an attorney from trial set by an order signed before the date the designation is filed.



THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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September 17, 1992

Ms. Katherine Tyra  
District Clerk  
301 Fannin  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Tyra,

Please find a copy of the order of this Court of August 31, 1992, that approves local rules of the Civil Trial Division of the Harris County District Courts.

Please note that the Supreme Court has been approving local rules provisionally. The Court believes that the Uniform Local Rules Committee is nearing completion of its task. You may therefore be asked to further amend your local rules in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams  
Clerk

Encl.

cc:  
Hon. Thomas J. Stovall, Jr.  
2nd Admin Judicial Dist

County Clerk

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*Proposed  
Order*

**SECOND ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION  
OF TEXAS**

**THOMAS J. STOVALL, JR.  
PRESIDING JUDGE**

**JUDY MAPLES GEIGER  
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**OFFICE LOCATED: HARRIS COUNTY  
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117 E. AVE. A, LA PORTE, TEXAS**

**August 13, 1992**

**The Supreme Court of Texas  
P. O. Box 12248  
Austin, TX., 78711**

**Re: Amendments to Local Rules  
Harris County, Texas**

**Your Honors:**

**The enclosed Amendments to the Harris County Local Rules have been reviewed by me. I recommend them to you for approval.**

**There is also enclosed Judge Miron Love's transmittal letter, Judge Cochran's request to Judge Love and her letter to the Rules Committee, which she chairs.**

**The Second Region Council of Judges have not yet agreed on a Region-wide attorney vacation Rule. We will try again at Conference. The differences are close to being resolved.**

**Your usual courtesy in these matters is appreciated.**

**Very truly yours,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Stovall, Jr.", written over a faint, illegible typed name.

*Administrative Office of the District Courts*  
*Harris County, Texas*

*Miron A. Love*  
HARRIS COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE  
Fax No. 755-8973

301 San Jacinto, Room 100  
Houston, Texas 77002-2022  
713-755-6575

11 August 1992

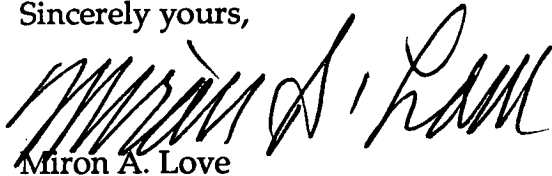
Hon. Thomas J. Stovall  
Presiding Judge  
Second Administrative Judicial Region Of Texas  
P.O. Box 40  
Seabook, Texas 77586

Dear Judge Stovall:

At the August meeting of the Board of District Court Judges of Harris County the local rules for the Civil Division were ammendments as per the attached.

I am respectfully requesting that you approve these ammendments and forward the same to the Supreme Court for their approval.

Sincerely yours,



Miron A. Love

cc: Hon. David West  
Hon. Ann Cochran

July 28, 1992

To: Hon. Miron Love, Administrative Judge

From: Ann Tyrrell Cochran, Chair, Rules Committee

Re: Amendments to Civil Trial Division Local Rules

Attached is a copy of proposed amendments to the local rules of the Civil Trial Division. These were approved by the civil division July 7, 1992, and considered by the Rules Committee of the Board of District Judges by my memo of July 8. I am asking your help in presenting these for formal approval at the August judges' meeting. I will be on vacation with my family. Would you please present this rules committee report for consideration by the board, and ask for a motion approving these amendments? I will not return until August 24, so would also appreciate your forwarding these amendments to Judge Stovall after they have been approved, so that he can, in turn, forward them to the Supreme Court.

Thank you for all your help.



cc: Hon. David West  
Mr. Jack Thompson



ANN TYRRELL COCHRAN  
JUDGE, 270TH DISTRICT COURT  
CIVIL COURTS BUILDING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

July 8, 1992

To: Judges Andell, Daggett, and Poe (Rules Committee)

From: Ann Cochran

Re: Civil Division Rules Amendment

Attached is a copy of an amendment to the local rules for the Civil Trial Division. Our division approved this change yesterday, and we would like them to be approved by the big board and forwarded on to Stovall and then to the Supreme Court. Since I doubt that there is anything here that will cause concern to any other division, I am sending them to you before calling a formal meeting of the Rules Committee. Please let me know by July 21, 1992, if you have any problem, or would like the committee to meet before presenting this at the monthly board meeting in August; otherwise, I will presume rules committee approval, and present this for board vote at that time.

Thank you.

cc: Miron Love