

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 96- 9276

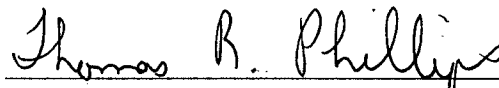
ORDER

In 1991, the Supreme Court of Texas entered an order creating a task force to study gender bias in the Texas legal system. In 1994, the Gender Bias Task Force issued its Final Report containing specific recommendations to address gender bias in the Texas legal system.

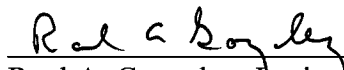
In response to these recommendations, the Supreme Court of Texas issued an order in 1995 creating the Gender Bias Reform Implementation Committee. The committee has recommended that a handbook be authorized as a guideline for judges, attorneys, and court personnel. The Supreme Court of Texas has provided comments to the committee, and the Court now seeks comments from the bench and bar before the handbook is finalized and distributed.

Accordingly, the Supreme Court of Texas hereby directs that the handbook prepared by the Gender Bias Reform Implementation Committee be published in the Texas Bar Journal. Comments should be directed to the Court's Executive Assistant William Willis, P. O. Box 12248, Austin, Texas 78711, within 30 days of publication.

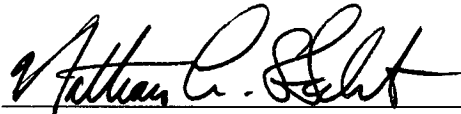
In Chambers this the 16 day of December, 1996.



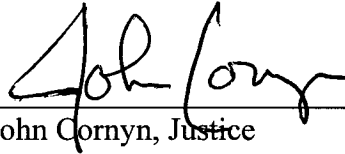
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice



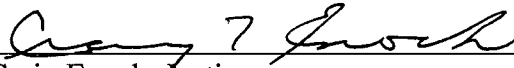
Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



John Cornyn, Justice



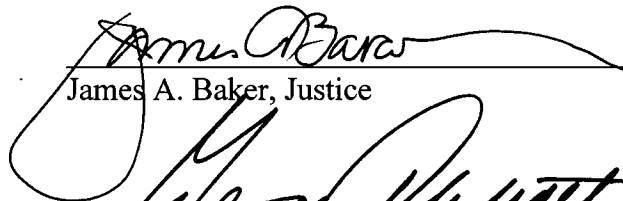
Craig Enoch, Justice



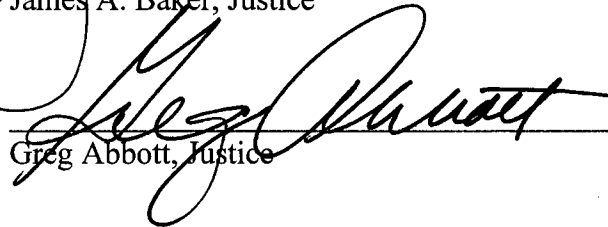
Rose Spector, Justice



Priscilla R. Owen, Justice



James A. Baker, Justice



Greg Abbott, Justice