

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

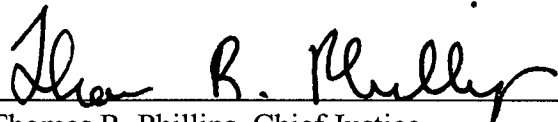
Misc. Docket No. 99- 9042

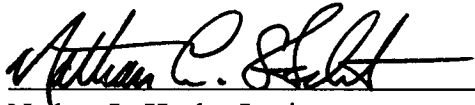
**Approval of Amendment to Rule 17 of the
Local Rules of the District Courts of Travis County**

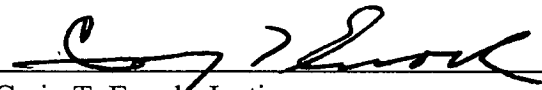
IT IS ORDERED that:


Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3a, the Supreme Court of Texas approves the attached amendments to Rule 17 of the Local Rules of the District Courts of Travis County, which concern alternative dispute resolution procedures. The approval of these rules is temporary pending further orders of the Court.

By the Court, en banc, in chambers, this 9th day of March, 1999.

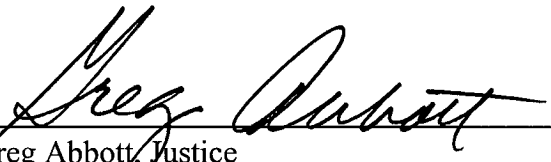

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice


Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

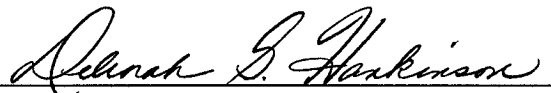

Craig T. Enoch, Justice


Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

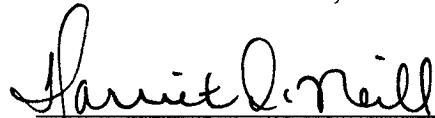

James A. Baker, Justice



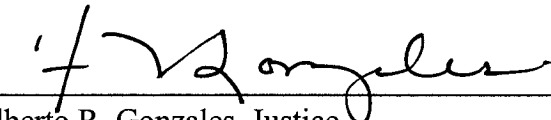
Greg Abbott, Justice



Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice



Harriet O'Neill, Justice



Alberto R. Gonzales, Justice

17.6 Notice and Objections

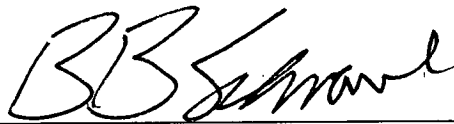
- (a) The party requesting the setting that automatically refers the case to ADR procedures shall be responsible for notifying all other parties of the referral. Where the referral is on the Court's own motion, the Court shall notify the parties of this determination.
- (b) Any party may, within ten days after receiving notice of the referral, file a written objection to it. A hearing may be requested by any party or may be set by the Court.
- (c) A hearing requested pursuant to (b) above must be set and heard before the beginning of the docket announcement period applicable to the date of trial (see Local Rule 3.2) or the objection to the referral is deemed waived. If an objection to the referral is waived or denied, parties must complete ADR before the docket announcement period for the date of trial to avoid being moved to the bottom of the list of cases set for the same date (see local rule 17.10(a)).

17.12 ADR Filings and Docket

- (a) All notices, motions, and reports pertinent to the ADR procedure shall be filed with the District Clerk, with copies sent to the ADR Coordinator.
- (b) An ADR docket shall be held at a time specified by the court administrator to hear all motions presented under this chapter.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

The attached Alternative Dispute Resolution Amendment to the Local Rules of the District Courts of Travis County is hereby approved and transmitted to the Supreme Court of Texas for final action this 26th day of February, 1999.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.B. Schraub", written over a horizontal line.

B.B. Schraub, Presiding Judge
Third Administrative Judicial Region



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March 9, 1999

Hon. Joseph H. Hart
Admin. Judge and Judge
126th District Court
Post Office Box 1748
Austin, Texas 78767

Dear Judge Hart,

Please find enclosed, a copy of the order of the Supreme Court that approved an amendment to Local Rule 17 for the district courts of Travis County.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

Encl.

cc: Hon. B. B. Schraub
3rd Admin Judicial Rgn

District Clerk

County Clerk

Supreme Court Adv Committee

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