

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 99- 9170

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**SUPREME COURT RULES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF  
FAMILY CODE CHAPTER 33**

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**ORDERED:**

1. Chapter 33 of the Family Code, adopted by Act of May 25, 1999, 76<sup>th</sup> Leg., R.S., ch. 395, 1999 Tex. Gen. Laws 2466 (S.B. 30), provides for judicial approval of an abortion for an unemancipated minor without notice to the minor's parents, managing conservator, or guardian. The Act applies to an abortion performed on or after January 1, 2000. Section 2 of the Act states: "The Supreme Court shall issue promptly such rules as may be necessary in order that the process established by Sections 33.003 and 33.004, Family Code, as added by this Act, may be conducted in a manner that will ensure confidentiality and sufficient precedence over all other pending matters to ensure promptness of disposition." *See also* Tex. Fam. Code §§ 33.003(l) & 33.004(c) (authorizing the Supreme Court to adopt rules to permit confidential docketing of applications and appeals). Additionally, the Clerk of the Supreme Court is required to prescribe forms for use by minors seeking waiver of notification requirements by a trial or appellate court. Tex. Fam. Code §§ 33.003(m), 33.004(d). Section 6 of the Act states: "The clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas shall adopt the application form and notice of appeal form to be used under Sections 33.003 and 33.004, Family Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 15, 1999."

2. To assist the Supreme Court, its Clerk, and the Supreme Court Advisory Committee in preparing these rules and forms, the Court appoints a Supreme Court Advisory Committee Special Subcommittee on the Implementation of Family Code Chapter 33 to study what rules and forms should be adopted, to draft those rules and forms, and to report its recommendations, together with any minority views, to the Advisory Committee. The Special Subcommittee and the Advisory Committee should consider the text of the Act, its legislative history and intent, rules and forms implementing similar statutes in other states, relevant case law, and practical implications. The Special Subcommittee and the Advisory Committee should consult with others, including Members of the Legislature, as may be helpful. The Special Subcommittee should report to the Advisory Committee by October 20, 1999, in order that the Advisory Committee may

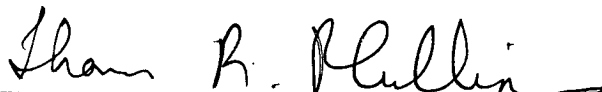
report its recommendations to the Court by November 1, 1999, and the Court can provide an adequate opportunity for public comment and promulgate the rules and forms by December 15, 1999.


3. The following persons are appointed to the Special Subcommittee effective from the date of this Order, with the appointments to expire December 31, 1999:

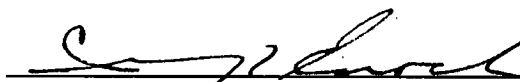
Dr. Ralph J. Anderson	Fort Worth	Hon. Elizabeth Ray	Houston
Prof. Teresa Collett	Houston	Dr. Jane Rider	San Angelo
Dr. Bruce Levy	Austin	Ms. Marilyn Schramm	Austin
Hon. Ann Crawford McClure	El Paso	Hon. John Specia	San Antonio
Hon. Samuel A. Medina	Lubbock	Ms. Susan Steeg	Austin
Dr. Terry Moore	Denton	Mr. Paul Watler	Dallas
Hon. Orlinda Naranjo	Austin	Hon. Bonnie Wolbrueck	Georgetown
Ms. Diane O'Neal	Austin		

4. Hon. Ann Crawford McClure is appointed chairman of the Special Subcommittee. Justice James A. Baker is the Court's designated liaison to the Special Subcommittee.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 21st day of September, 1999.


  
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

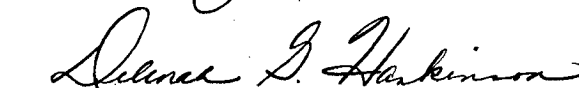
  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

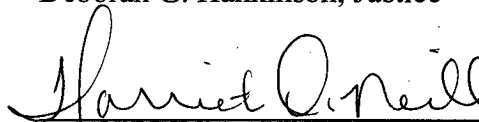
  
Craig T. Enoch, Justice

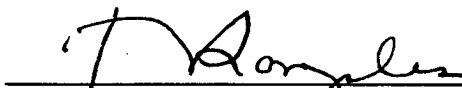
  
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

  
James A. Baker, Justice

  
Greg Abbott, Justice

  
Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice

  
Harriet O'Neill, Justice

  
Alberto R. Gonzales, Justice