MINUTES OF THE

SUPREME COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 9, 1990

The Advisory Committee of the Supreme Court of Texas convened at 8:30 o'clock a.m. on Friday, February 9, 1990, pursuant to call of the Court.

Members present: Chair Luther H. Soules III, Justice Nathan L. Hecht, Justice Lloyd Doggett, Judge Sam Houston Clinton, Justice David Peeples, R. Doak Bishop, Gilbert T. Adams, Jr., Pat Beard, Frank L. Branson, Elaine Carlson, John E. Collins, Tom H. Davis, William V. Dorsaneo III, J. Hadley Edgar, Charles F. Herring, Franklin Jones, Jr., Gilbert I. Low, Steve McConnico, Russell McMains, Charles Morris, John M. O'Quinn, Tom L. Ragland, Broadus A. Spivey, Harry L. Tindall, Sam D. Sparks, Sam Sparks, and Marty Swanger. Also present were Jim George, Tom Leatherbury, Ed Sills (San Antonio Light) and Holly J. Halfacre.

Members absent were: Chief Justice Austin McCloud, Judge Solomon Casseb, Jr., Judge Raul Rivera, David Beck, Kenneth Fuller, Michael A. Hatchell, Vester T. Hughes, Jr., Harry M. Reasoner, and Anthony J. Sadberry.

Minutes of the August 12, 1989, meeting were approved.

A request for amendment to TRAP 100(g) was reported on, motion was made, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Supreme Court promulgate the requested amendment.

A request for amendment to TRAP 130(c) was reported on, motion was made, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Supreme Court promulgate the requested amendment.

A request for amendment to TRAP 140 was reported on, a discussion was had regarding repealing current Rule 140 and replacing it with the suggested amendment, motion was made, and the committee voted unanimously to table until receiving something in writing from William Dorsaneo.

A request for amendment to TRAP 133(b) was reported on, motion was made, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Supreme Court promulgate the requested amendment.

A request for amendment to TRAP 170 was reported on, motion was made, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Supreme Court promulgate the requested amendment. A request for amendments to TRAP 74 and 121 was reported on, motion was made, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Supreme Court <u>not</u> promulgate the requested amendment.

A request for amendment to TRCP 166 was reported on, motion was made to leave as worded, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Supreme Court <u>not</u> promulgate the requested revision.

A report was given by Justice Lloyd Doggett and Jim George regarding adoption of new TRAP 21 and new TRCP 18c regarding allowing cameras in the courtroom. A discussion followed regarding same. A motion was made, and the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Supreme Court promulgate the requested new rules.

A report was given by Charles (Lefty) Morris, Chuck Herring, and Tom Leatherbury regarding proposed new rule TRCP 76a, regarding Sealing of Court Records. Discussion of the committee followed and the matter was reassigned for specific revisions and a new report from the Subcommittee at a Saturday, February 10, 1990 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Soules until 8:00 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.