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Referral of the Texas Access to Justice Commission's Re:

Proposed Revisions to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 145,

Affidavits of Indigency

## Dear Chip:

The Supreme Court has received the attached report from the Texas Access to Justice Commission, dated May 6, 2013, proposing revisions to Rule 145 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure regarding affidavits of indigency. The Court requests the Advisory Committee to review the report and make recommendations regarding revisions to Rule 145, as well as to Rule 502.3 (to be effective August 31, 2013, per Order in Misc. Dkt. 13-9049, dated April 15, 2013) and to Rule 20 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.

The rule and proposed revisions affect court procedures, the revenue of courts and clerks' offices, and access to justice by those who cannot afford to pay court costs. In accordance with its usual practice, the Advisory Committee should consider comments from all perspectives affected.

As always, the Court is grateful for the Committee's counsel and your leadership.

Sincerely,

Nathan L. Hecht

Justice