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Mr. Charles L. "Chip" Babcock
Chair, Supreme Court Advisory Committee
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via email

Re: Referral of the Report of the Supreme Court Uniform Forms Task Force

Dear Chip:

By Order in Misc. Docket No. 11-9046, the Court created the Supreme Court Uniform Forms Task Force to develop pleading and order forms that could be approved by the Court for statewide use to increase access to justice and reduce the strain on courts posed by self-represented litigants. The Task Force reported to the Court on January 11, 2012, that it had completed forms for use in an uncontested divorce involving no minor children or real property. The Supreme Court requests the Advisory Committee to review the report and make recommendations regarding the forms and their use.

The use of forms like those presented in the report has been the subject of discussion among legal aid providers, members of the family law bar, judges, the Access to Justice Commission, and the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors. Chief Justice Jefferson has written to State Bar President Bob Black that the Advisory Committee will "consider input from all sectors, including the judiciary, the legal profession, representatives of the Legislature, and the public." The Court requests the Committee's recommendations following the April 13 meeting.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan L. Hecht".

Nathan L. Hecht
Justice