

# Supreme Court of Texas

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Misc. Docket No. 25-9103

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## Order Adopting New Rule 10.35 of the Rules of the Judicial Branch Certification Commission

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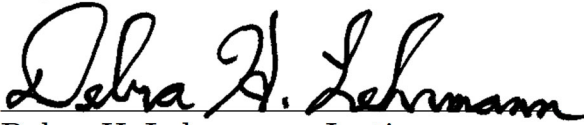
**ORDERED** that:

1. In accordance with the Act of May 20, 2025, 89th Leg., R.S., ch. 437 (H.B. 3376), the Court adopts new Rule 10.35 of the Rules of the Judicial Branch Certification Commission, effective immediately.
2. The Clerk is directed to:
  - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
  - b. cause a copy of this order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
  - c. send a copy of this order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
  - d. submit a copy of this order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

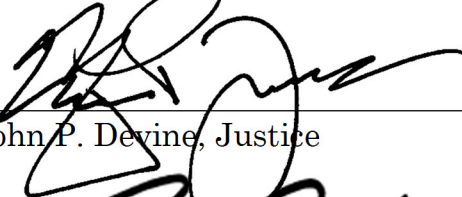
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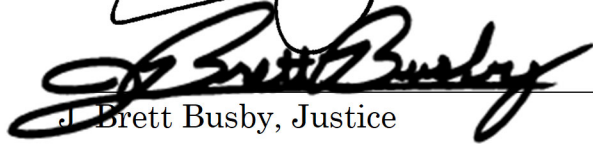
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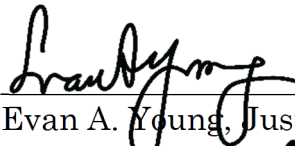
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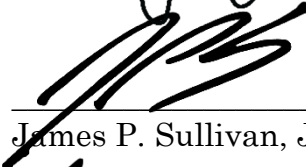
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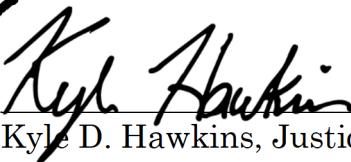
Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice



James P. Sullivan, Justice



Kyle D. Hawkins, Justice

## **RULES OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH CERTIFICATION COMMISSION**

### **10.0 Guardianship Registration**

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#### **10.35 Specialized Training – Alzheimer’s Disease, Dementia, or Related Disorders**

- (a) *Required Training.* Except as provided in (b), a guardian of the person or of the estate of a ward must annually receive training provided on the Commission’s website regarding Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, and related disorders, if the ward is:
  - (1) 60 years of age or older; or
  - (2) is diagnosed as having Alzheimer’s disease, dementia, or a related disorder.
- (b) *Exceptions.* A guardian is not required to complete the training under this Rule if:
  - (1) the guardian is certified by the Commission, an attorney, or a corporate fiduciary;
  - (2) the guardian is appointed as a temporary guardian under Estates Code Chapter 1251; or
  - (3) the court waives the training requirement in accordance with Rule 10.4.
- (c) *Initial Training; Timing.* A guardian must complete the initial training within 6 months after the date of the guardian’s appointment. If a temporary guardian’s term is extended, then the guardian must complete the initial training within 6 months after the extension. If the ward of a guardian turns 60 during the guardianship, the guardian must complete the training within 6 months after the ward’s 60th birthday.
- (d) *Renewal.* Each guardian who is subject to the training requirement must repeat the training at least once per year until the termination of the guardianship.
- (e) *Commission Duties.* On request, the Commission must provide the web address for the training materials or written training materials and instruction for completing the training requirement.

- (f) *Content.* The training must include information regarding:
- (1) common aspects of aging;
  - (2) warning signs of dementia and Alzheimer's disease;
  - (3) effective strategies for communicating with a person who is diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease;
  - (4) effective strategies and resources available for supporting a person who is diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease in exercising their rights; and
  - (5) any other subjects or matters that would be beneficial for a guardian to know in tending to the health, safety, well-being and interests of a person who is diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.
- (g) *Probate Court Duties.* A probate court must ensure guardians who are subject to this Rule timely complete the training.

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