IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 02-_9064

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE TEXAS EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOUNDATION

Whereas, by amendment effective January 25, 1999, the Court adopted the current Rules Governing the Operation of the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation (Rules), relating to the proper administration of the Texas IOLTA Program;

Now, therefore pursuant to that authority, the Court amends Rule 11 as follows:

Organizations receiving grants of funds from the Foundation shall use such funds to provide legal services to individual indigent persons or client groups, associations, and nonprofit organizations. Prior to the making of its first grant, and at least annually thereafter, the Board of Directors of the Foundation shall adopt criteria relating to income, assets and liabilities defining the indigent persons eligible to benefit from Foundation grants. In representing a client group, association, or nonprofit organization, the grantee must comply with all of the other provisions of these Rules and is subject to all of the prohibitions contained herein. A client group, association, or nonprofit organization is eligible if it is (1) primarily composed of individual indigent persons; or (2) the organization's primary purpose is in furtherance of the interests of indigent persons and is seeking legal assistance on a matter relating to such purpose.

It is further ORDERED that the amendments to the Rules Governing the Operation of the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, are effective immediately.

Xavier Rodriguez, Justice