Misc. Docket No. 94-9103 ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT

IT IS ORDERED by the Supreme Court of Texas that the following addition to the *Standards and Rules for Certification of Certified Shorthand Reporters* as adopted and promulgated in conformity with Chapter 52 of the Government Code, V.T.C.A., shall be and read as follows:

Rule IV., <u>Revocation of Certification</u>, is amended by adding paragraph B as follows with the remaining rules renumbered accordingly:

- B. For the purpose of Section 52.029(a)(9), of the Government
 Code, unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to:
 - failing to deliver a transcript or statement of facts to a client or court in a timely manner as determined by statute, court order or agreement;
 - producing an inaccurate transcript or statement of facts;
 - producing an incomplete transcript or statement of facts except upon order of a court, agreement of the parties or request of a party;

- failing to disclose as soon as practical to the parties or their attorneys existing or past financial, business, professional, family, or social relationships, including contracts for court reporting services, which might reasonably create an appearance of partiality;
- advertising or representing falsely the qualifications of a certified shorthand reporter or that an unlicensed individual is a certified shorthand reporter;
- 6. failing to charge all parties or their attorneys to an action the same price for an original transcript or statement of facts and failing to charge all parties or their attorneys the same price for a copy of a transcript or statement of facts or for like services performed in an action;
- failing to disclose in writing to all parties or their attorneys upon request at any time an itemization of all rates and charges to all parties or their attorneys;

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- reporting of any proceeding by any person who is a relative of a party or their attorney within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity;
- 9. reporting of any proceeding by any person who is financially interested in the action or who is associated with a firm which is financially interested in the action;
- 10. failing to notify all parties or their attorneys of a request for a transcript or statement of facts, or any part thereof, in sufficient time for copies to be prepared and delivered simultaneously with the original;
- 11. going "off the record" during a deposition when not agreed to by all parties of their attorneys unless otherwise ordered by the court;

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12. giving, directly or indirectly, benefiting from or being employed as a result of any gift, incentive, reward or anything of value to attorneys, clients, or their representatives or agents, except for nominal items that do not exceed \$25 per transaction and \$50 in the aggregate per recipient each year; and

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13. charging for a copy at a rate more than one-third (1/3) the per page cost of the original and first copy.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these rules become effective January 1, 1995.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 20th day of December , 1994.

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

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John Cornyn, Justice

Bob Gammage, Justice

Craig Enoch, Justice

Spector, Justice Rose