IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 97-9045

TRANSFER OF CASES FROM FIRST COURT OF APPEALS

ORDERED:

The first 25 criminal cases appealed from Harris County, except as otherwise provided by this Order, which are filed in the Court of Appeals for the First Court of Appeals District, Houston, Texas, on or after March 3, 1997, are transferred to the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco, Texas.

The next 50 criminal cases appealed from Harris County, except as otherwise provided by this Order, which are filed in the Court of Appeals for the First Court of Appeals District, Houston, Texas, on or after March 3, 1997, are transferred to the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana, Texas.

In effectuating this Order, companion cases shall either all be transferred, or shall all be retained by the Court in which filed, as determined by the Chief Justice of the transferring Court, provided that cases which are companions to any case filed before March 3, 1997, shall be retained by the Court in which originally filed.

It is specifically provided that the cases ordered transferred by this Order shall, in each instance, not include original proceedings, appeals from interlocutory orders, appeals from denial of writs of habeas corpus, extradition, bond cases, and those cases which in the opinion of the Chief Justice of the transferring Court contain extraordinary circumstances or in which emergency action may be required.

The transferring Court of Appeals will make the necessary orders for the transfer of said cases as directed hereby, and will cause the Clerk of that Court to transfer the original transcript and all filed papers in each case, and certify all Orders made, to the Courts of Appeals to which the cases are transferred. Upon completion of the transfer of the requisite number of cases ordered transferred, the transferring Court shall submit a list of the cases transferred, identified by style and number, to the Supreme Court and the State Office of Court Administration.

SIGNED this 6th day of March, 1997.

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice
Raul A. Gonzalez Justice
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice
John Cornyn, Justice
Craig T. Enoch, Justice
Rose Spector Justice
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice
James A. Baker, Justice
Greg Abbott, Justice

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March 6, 1997

Ms. Margie Thompson, Clerk First Court of Appeals 1307 San Jacinto, 10th Floor Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Thompson,

Enclosed is a copy of an order of The Supreme Court of Texas of March 6, 1997 concerning cases to be transferred from your court to the Sixth and Tenth Courts of Appeals.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk

Encl.

Ms. Tibby Thomas, Clerk Sixth Court of Appeals

> Ms. Imogene Allen, Clerk Tenth Court of Appeals

Office of Court Administration