

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**Misc. Docket No. 01 - 9149**

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**ORDER CREATING THE SUPREME COURT  
TASK FORCE ON CIVIL LITIGATION IMPROVEMENTS**

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To assist the Supreme Court in fulfilling its constitutional duty to be “responsible for the efficient administration of the judicial branch,” Tex. Const., art. 5, sec. 31, the Court appoints the Task Force on Civil Litigation Improvements.

The Task Force is charged with examining whether the public interest is being served by the practices and procedures currently being used in trial courts in civil matters other than family, juvenile, and probate law. In particular, the Task Force is asked to consider:

1. The awarding of fees to attorneys ad litem and guardians ad litem;
2. The sharing of fees among lawyers;
3. Procedures for a mandatory demand for and offer of settlement; and
4. Procedures for the efficient trial of cases with large numbers of parties.

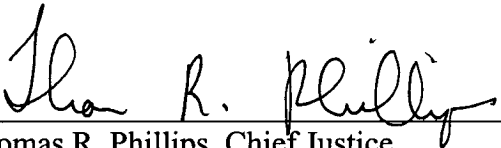
The members of the Task Force shall be:

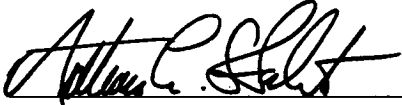
Joseph D. Jamail, Esq., Houston, Chair  
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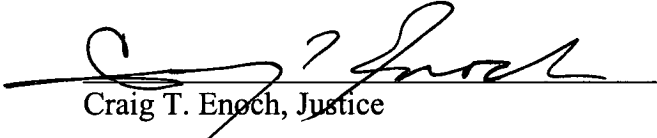
Justice Nathan Hecht shall serve as the liaison to the Committee from the Supreme Court.


The Supreme Court may amend the charge of the Task Force upon further order.

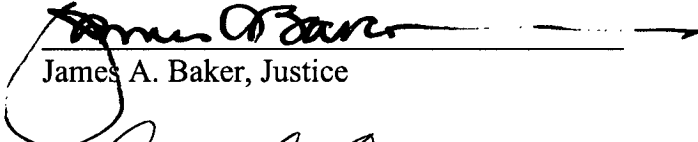
The Task Force shall present a preliminary report to the Court either orally or in writing by May 1, 2002.

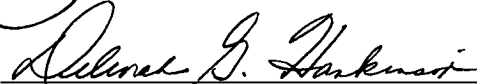
  
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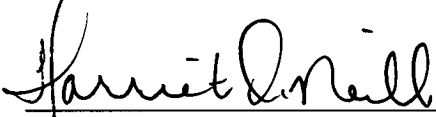
  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

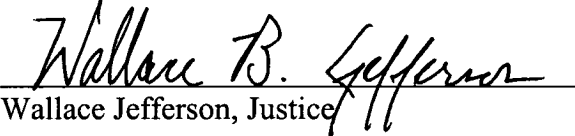
  
Craig T. Enoch, Justice

  
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

  
James A. Baker, Justice

  
Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice

  
Harriet O'Neill, Justice

  
Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice

ORDERED this the 24~~th~~ day of August, 2001