

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 92- 0052

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION

ORDERED:

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.011 and 22.012, Gov't. Code, the Rules of Judicial Education, promulgated by Order of this Court on August 21, 1985, as amended, are amended by adding a new Rule 13 and a new Rule 14, the language of each provision being:

RULE 13: JUDICIAL INSTRUCTION RELATED TO FAMILY VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND CHILD ABUSE.

- a. Not later than September 1, 1993, each judicial training entity which receives a grant from the Supreme Court for judicial education training shall provide judicial training related to the problems of family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse to all judges exercising jurisdiction in these matters and who have not previously received training in this area. The instruction shall include information about:
- (1) statutory and case law relating to videotaping as child's testimony and relating to competency of children to testify;
 - (2) methods for eliminating the trauma to the child caused by the court process;

- (3) case law, statutory law, and procedural rules relating to family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse;
 - (4) methods for providing protection for victims of family violence, sexual assault, or child abuse;
 - (5) available community and state resources for counseling and other aid to victims and to offenders;
 - (6) gender bias in the judicial process; and
 - (7) dynamics and effects of being a victim of family violence, sexual assault, or child abuse.
- b. Each year thereafter, each entity shall provide this training to any judge exercising jurisdiction in these matters who has not previously received training in this area.

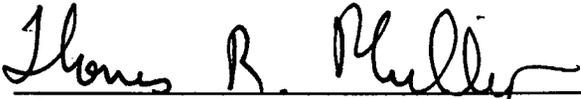
RULE 14: TRAINING RELATING TO DIVERSIONS.

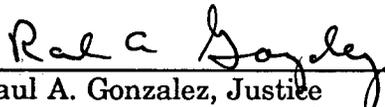
- a. The judicial training entities providing training for district judges and for prosecuting attorneys which receive grant funds for this purpose from the Supreme Court of Texas shall provide for a course of instruction, and each judge of a district court and each attorney representing the state in the prosecution of felonies shall as an official duty of office complete each year a course of instruction, related to the diversion of offenders from confinement in the Institutional Division of the Criminal Justice Department.
- b. The instruction shall include information relating to case law, statutory law, procedural rules relating to felony diversions, and available community and state resources for diversions.

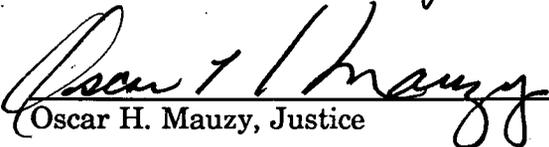
- c. In developing the instruction content to comply with this rule, the training entities shall consult with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to obtain its recommendations concerning the course of instruction.

- d. This rule is effective for training to be completed for the calendar year beginning January 1, 1992 and for each year thereafter.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 26th day of February, 1992.

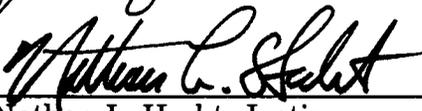

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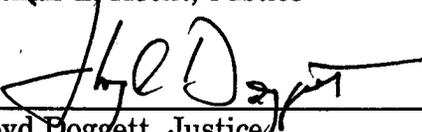

Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

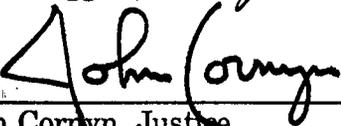

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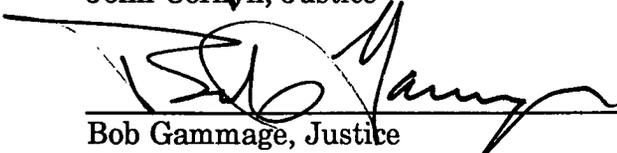

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Lloyd Doggett, Justice


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