

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 92-0085

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF TARRANT COUNTY


ORDERED:


Pursuant to Rule 3a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Supreme Court approves the following amendments to local rules, which have been previously approved by the presiding judge of the appropriate administrative judicial region and submitted to this Court:

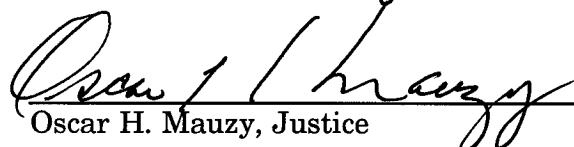
Amendments to Rule 5.4 of the Local Rules of the District Courts of Tarrant County adopted by the judges of the District Courts of Tarrant County handling criminal cases on April 7, 1992.

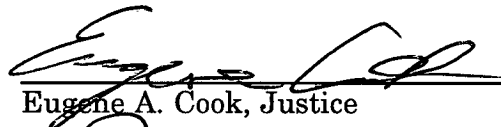
The approval of these amendments is temporary, pending further orders of the Court.

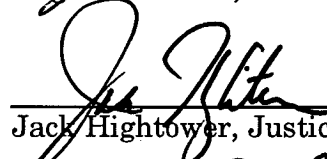
SIGNED AND ENTERED this 16th day of June, 1992.

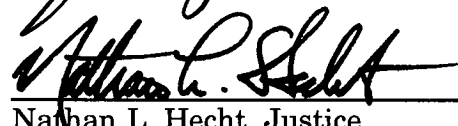

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice



Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

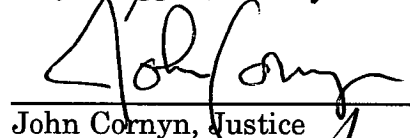

Oscar H. Mauzy, Justice

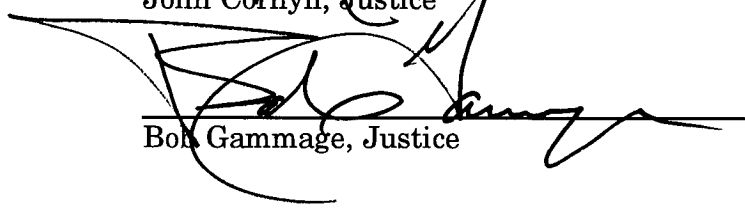

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Jack Hightower, Justice


Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


Lloyd Doggett, Justice


John Cornyn, Justice


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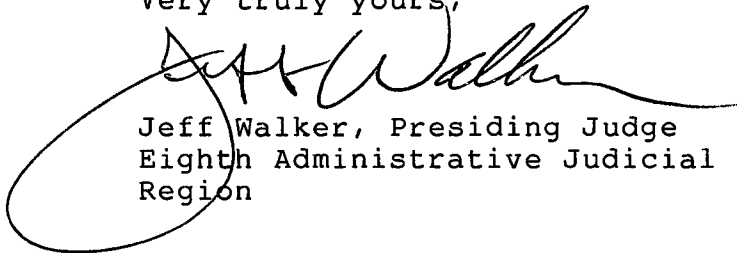
Re: Amendment to Local Rules

Dear Chief Justice Phillips:

I have reviewed the enclosed amendment to Local Rule 5.4 of the District Courts of Tarrant County handling criminal matters and find that it has been approved by a majority of such judges and that it is not inconsistent with the Rules of the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region.

I, therefore, approve this amendment and forward it to you for your review and approval.

Very truly yours,


Jeff Walker, Presiding Judge
Eighth Administrative Judicial
Region

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cc: Judge Dauphinot
Judge Wilson
Judge Leonard
Judge Drago
Judge Kredell
Judge Young
Judge Burdock
Judge Perez



LEE ANN DAUPHINOT
DISTRICT JUDGE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 2
TARRANT COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76196-0214

May 13, 1992

To: All Judges of Felony Courts

From: Lee Ann Dauphinot

Subject: 5.4 Local Rules

Judge Pete Perez refuses to sign the amendment to the local rules that we voted on in the meeting in chambers. This amendment is dated April 7, 1992.

He gave us as his reasons:

- a. There had never been a meeting to discuss it.
- b. The meeting which was called to discuss the change was not called by me, but was called by George Kredell.
- c. People just send him letters and memoranda telling him what he has to do.
- d. People come to him in person telling him what he has to do when they should send him letters or memoranda.
- e. I could not tell him what had happened to his case.

Since Judge Perez had asked me to hold up on this amendment until he had a chance to research the law concerning it, I have not submitted it to Judge Walker for forwarding to the Supreme Court. Having waited more than a month, however, I told him I simply could not wait any longer for him to look into the matter. He became quite angry.

If there is anything else anyone would like for me to try to do, please feel free to make any suggestion you have concerning handling Judge Perez's complaint. In the meantime, I am submitting this amendment to Judge Walker for submission to the Supreme Court.

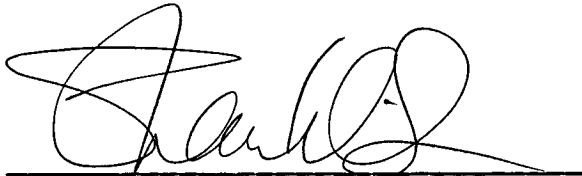
Rule 5.4 FILING

(a) unchanged

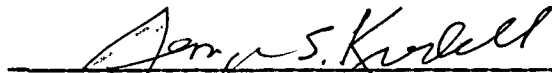
(b) The Court Coordinators shall distribute all capital murder complaints on a sequentially rotating basis among the Criminal District Courts and the District Courts trying criminal cases. As far as possible, all co-defendants will be filed together in a single court and such filing will constitute one capital murder filing in that court for purposes of determining sequence.

By 'sequence' is meant a numerically increasing order, i.e. Criminal District Court No. 1, Criminal District Court No. 2, Criminal District Court No. 3, Criminal District Court No. 4, 213th District Court, 297th District Court, 371st District Court, 372nd District Court, etc.

Adopted April 7, 1992.



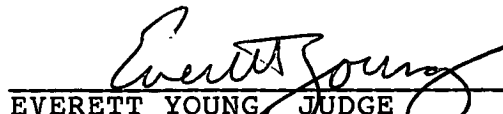
SHAREN WILSON, JUDGE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 1



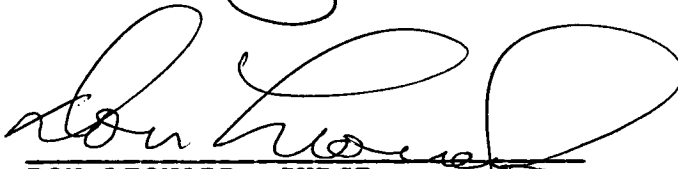
GEORGE KREDELL, JUDGE
213th DISTRICT COURT



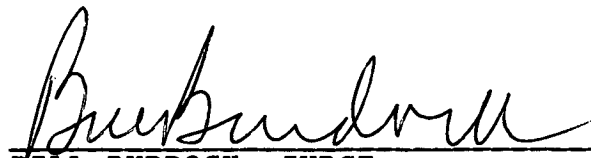
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CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 2



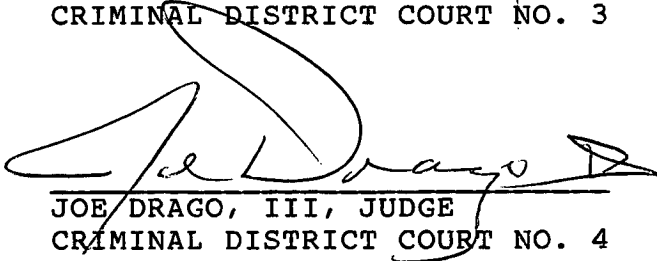
EVERETT YOUNG, JUDGE
297th DISTRICT COURT



DON LEONARD, JUDGE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 3



BILL BURDOCK, JUDGE
371st DISTRICT COURT



JOE DRAGO, III, JUDGE
CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 4

PETE PEREZ, JUDGE
372nd DISTRICT COURT