

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 95 - 9013

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ORDER OF THE COURT APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION IN CONSUMER LAW  
OF THE  
TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

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WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization have caused to be published Standards for Certification in Consumer Law, and

WHEREAS, those amendments to those aforementioned Standards were accepted and approved by the members of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization on December 8, 1994, and presented to this Court, and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Court that said Standards will advance the administration of justice,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that the aforementioned amendments to the Standards be adopted and that the Standards for Certification in Consumer Law be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

II. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION

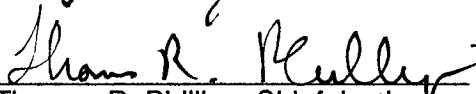
B. SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT AND SPECIAL COMPETENCE

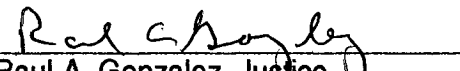
Applicants must show substantial involvement and special competence in consumer law during the 5 years immediately preceding application by providing such information as may be required by the Board.

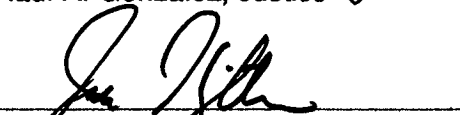
1. Applicants must show that during each of the 3 years immediately preceding application they have devoted a minimum of 30% of their time practicing, consisting of at least 1,200 hours during the 3 year period, in consumer law as defined in Section I(G), or that during all or a proportionate part of that period they have served as an assistant attorney general of the State of Texas in the area of consumer law or as a teacher of consumer law, insurance or trade regulation in an accredited law school. Applicants must show significant involvement in the practice of consumer law, including the following:


- a. Counseling of clients regarding claims and defense of claims in the area of consumer law;
  - b. Representation of clients in preparation, prosecution and defense of consumer claims;
  - c. Representation of clients in alternative dispute resolution procedures as defined by Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code, Chapter 154;
  - d. The advising and counseling of persons or business entities in areas involving the establishment, revision or maintenance of procedures, practices, forms or programs to comply with consumer laws.
2. Applicants must show their special competence by providing such information as may be required by the Board to demonstrate the scope, extent, nature and depth of their expertise in the area of consumer law.
  3.
    - a. Applicants must show that during the 5 years immediately preceding application for certification they have represented clients as lead counsel in at least 24 contested consumer matters. "Contested matters" means law suits filed in a court of record.
    - b. Applicants must show that during the 10 years immediately preceding application for certification they have submitted issues to the finder of fact of a court of record for determination in at least 5 contested matters, at least 2 of which must have been conducted by applicant as lead counsel.
  4. The Board may permit applicants to take the examination in consumer law where they have demonstrated unusual or exceptional experience, even though they are unable to expressly demonstrate the substantial involvement listed above.

Signed and entered this 6th day of January, 1995.

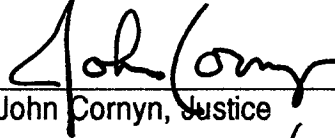
  
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

  
Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

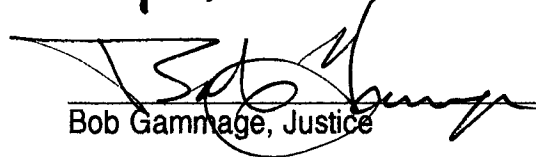
  
Jack Hightower, Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



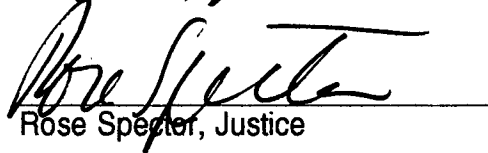
John Cornyn, Justice



Bob Gammage, Justice



Craig Enoch, Justice



Rose Spetter, Justice



Priscilla Owen, Justice