# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 19-9016

# ORDER AMENDING COMMENT TO THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

#### **ORDERED** that:

- 1. Paragraph 8 of the comment to Rule 1.01, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, is amended as published in this order.
- 2. The Clerk is directed to:
  - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
  - b. cause a copy of this order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
  - c. send a copy of this order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
  - d. submit a copy of the order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: February 26, 2019.

John P. Devine, Justice **b**. Blacklock, Justice The comment to Rule 1.01, Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, is amended as follows:

## Rule 1.01. Competent and Diligent Representation

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#### **Comment:**

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### **Maintaining Competence**

8. Because of the vital role of lawyers in the legal process, each lawyer should strive to become and remain proficient and competent in the practice of law, including the benefits and risks associated with relevant technology. To maintain the requisite knowledge and skill of a competent practitioner, a lawyer should engage in continuing study and education. If a system of peer review has been established, the lawyer should consider making use of it in appropriate circumstances. Isolated instances of faulty conduct or decision should be identified for purposes of additional study or instruction.

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