IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 14-9115

APPROVAL OF AMENDED LOCAL RULES FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

ORDERED that:

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 1.2, this Court approves the following amended local rules for the Fifth Court of Appeals.

Attace. Selt
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice
Paul W. Green, Justice
Palohian
Phil Johnson, Justice
Don R. Willett, Justice
M. Slonen
Eva M. Guzman, Justice
Delna D. Lehman
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice
they Engl
Jeffley S. Boyd Justice
John P. Devine, Justice

Table of Rules

Rule 1. Scope of Local Rules

Rule 2. Change of address or other information

Rule 3. Oral Argument

Rule 4. Settlement

Rule 1. Scope of Local Rules (Tex. R. App. P. 1.2)

These rules govern procedure for appeals, original proceedings, and other matters before the Court of Appeals for the Fifth District of Texas at Dallas. In the event of a conflict between these local rules and the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure or any other state statute or rule, the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, statute, or rule shall control.

Rule 2. Change of address or other information (Tex. R. App. P. 9.1)

Counsel or a party proceeding pro se shall file a notice of change of address, telephone number, or facsimile number within ten (10) days of the date of the change. The notice shall include the style and cause number of each case the notifying party has pending before the Court.

Rule 3. Oral Argument (Tex. R. App. P. 39)

- 1. In civil cases, oral arguments in each appeal are heard at the time designated by the sitting panel. As a general rule, one case will be set for oral argument each hour, beginning at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
- 2. In criminal cases, all counsel who have requested oral argument are expected to be present at 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. as instructed by written notice. At that time, the presiding justice will call the docket and determine which attorneys will argue. Oral argument will be heard, insofar as practicable, in the order the cases appear on the submission docket for that date.
- 3. If there is more than one appellant or appellee, counsel shall be expected to announce to the Court, at docket call, how the time is to be divided among the parties.
- 4. In both civil and criminal cases, each side is allowed twenty (20) minutes, and the appellant or appellants are allowed five (5) minutes for rebuttal. Requests for additional time must be made by written motion filed at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled submission date.

Rule 4. Settlement (Tex. R. App. P. 42.1)

In the event a civil case settles before submission, the parties shall notify the Clerk by filing an appropriate motion. The motion shall specify (1) the manner of disposition, and (2) the parties' agreement on the allocation of costs of appeal.