Misc. Docket No. 93-

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Policies and Procedures for Appeals from Determinations of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby adopts the Policies and Procedures for Appeals from Determinations of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit Α.

These Policies and Procedures are effective from the date of this order.

In Chambers, this <u>18th</u> day of November, 1992.

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

Gonzalez J Justice Raul

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Hightower, Justice

Nathan, L. Hecht, Justice

Lloyd Doggett, Justice

John Cornyn, Justic Ŵ Bob Gamplage, Justice

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Ι

A1. All appeals to the Supreme Court from determinations by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals on a decision of a District Grievance Committee's evidentiary panel concerning the imposition or failure to impose sanctions, appeals from determinations of the Board on Compulsory Discipline, appeals from determinations of the Board on Reciprocal Discipline, and appeals from determinations of the Board on Disability Suspensions will be docketed by the Clerk of the Supreme Court in the same manner as applications for writ of error.

A2. The Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure will apply to these appeals to the extent they are relevant. Oral argument may be granted on motion. The case shall be reviewed under the substantial evidence rule. The Court may affirm a decision of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals without written opinion. The Court's decisions on Sanctions, Compulsory Discipline, Reciprocal Discipline and Disability Suspension cases will be announced on the Court's Orders. Following review by the Court, these appeals will be available for public inspection in the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court, unless the file or some portion thereof is confidential under the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

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B1. Appeals from decisions of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals on the classification of the writing filed by a Complainant as a "Complaint" or an "Inquiry" shall be docketed by the Clerk in a separate docket, to be called the Classification Docket.

B2. The Court may affirm a decision of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals by order without written opinion. Decisions of the Court on Classification appeals will be announced by letter to the appealing party, with copies to the appellee, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals, and the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas.

C1. No fee shall be charged by the Clerk for filing any appeal from the decisions of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals.