

**SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Seventy-Second Legislature, in Article 6252-9d.1, Sections 1.302(b) and 1.303(d), Texas Revised Civil Statutes, directed the Texas Ethics Commission to report to the Supreme Court of Texas certain recommendations regarding judicial campaigns and judicial relationships, and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Ethics Commission, in response to that direction, has conducted public hearings across the state, received written testimony, undertaken extensive independent research, and considered carefully and diligently the matters within that charge, and

**WHEREAS**, while the report of the Texas Ethics Commission identifies eight legislative recommendations as uniquely applicable to judicial campaigns and relationships (Numbers 9-13, 15-17), all seventeen recommendations are applicable at least in part to the judiciary, and

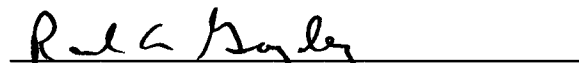
**WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 31 of the Constitution of the State of Texas charges this Court with responsibility for "the efficient administration of justice,"

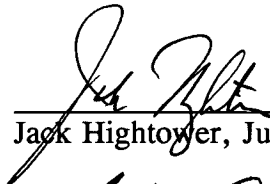
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the justices of the Supreme Court of Texas commend the members of the Texas Ethics Commission for their diligent efforts for judicial campaign reform and recommend to the members of the Seventy-Third Legislature that these recommendations be given careful and serious consideration.

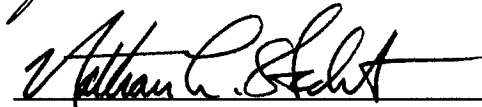
Along with related studies currently being conducted by order of this Court on judicial appointment of lawyers, judicial discipline, and judicial organization, these recommendations provide the members of the Seventy-Third Legislature with a unique opportunity to address needed reforms in the conduct of judicial campaigns and the public disclosure of campaign financing and judicial relationships.

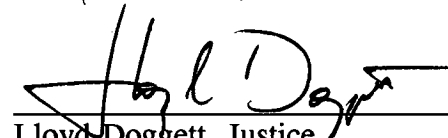
**SIGNED** in Chambers this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1993.

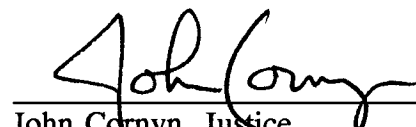
  
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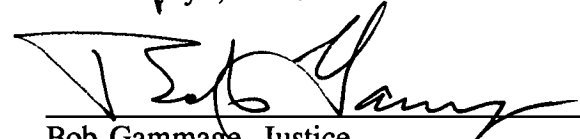
  
Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

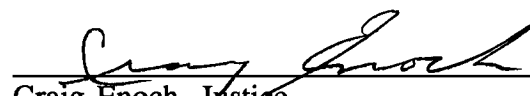
  
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Lloyd Doggett, Justice

  
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John Cornyn, Justice

  
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Bob Gammage, Justice

  
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Craig Enoch, Justice

  
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Rose Spector, Justice