Misc. Docket No. 93-0178 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

ORDER OF THE COURT APPROVING A REFERENDUM OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS ON THE QUESTION OF AMENDING PARTS VII AND VIII, AND TO ADOPT PART IX, OF THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas, in a regularly called and posted meeting at which a quorum was present, on September 11, 1993, voted unanimously to recommend and request that the Supreme Court of Texas order a referendum of the membership of the State Bar of Texas on the question of amending Parts VII and VIII, and to adopt Part IX, of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

After due consideration, it is hereby ORDERED that such petition be granted and that the requested referendum to amend Parts VII and VIII, and to adopt Part IX, of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct shall be submitted to a vote of the registered members of the State Bar of Texas. The granting of the request for the referendum does not constitute a predetermination of any legal issues.

It is further ORDERED that the Executive Director of the State Bar of Texas shall prepare and send on November 19, 1993, to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas a ballot for the purpose of affording each member an opportunity to vote on the proposal to amend Parts VII and VIII, and to adopt Part IX, of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. The form and content of such ballot shall be as follows:

Order a referendum of the membership of the State Bar of Texas on the question of amending Parts VII and VIII, and to adopt Part IX, of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

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REFERENDUM

Do you favor the amendment of Parts VII and VIII, and the adoption of Part IX, of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct as published in the November, 1993 issue of the Texas Bar Journal?

Vote Yes or No.

Yes	()
No	()

Balloting shall be closed at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on December 20, 1993, and no ballot thereafter received by the State Bar of Texas shall be counted.

By the Court, in chambers, en banc, this 17^{th} day of September, 1993.

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

Jack Hightower, Justice

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

Lloyd Doggett, Justice

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John Cornyn, Justice

Bob Gammage, Justice

Craig Enoch, Justice

Rose Spector, Justice

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

IN RE: PETITION OF THE)
STATE BAR OF TEXAS FOR) DOCKET NO
ORDER OF REFERENDUM)

<u>PETITION FOR ORDER OF REFERENDUM OF THE</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS</u>

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW the State Bar of Texas (the "Petitioner") and respectfully petitions this Court for an Order Of Referendum. In support thereof, the Petitioner would respectfully show the Court as follows:

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The Petitioner recommends and requests an order of referendum of the membership of the State Bar of Texas on the question of amending Parts VII and VIII, and the adoption of Part IX, of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. The Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas in a regularly called and posted meeting at which a quorum was present on September 11, 1993, in Austin, Texas, voted unanimously to make the recommendation and request for referendum herein made.

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The Petitioner further recommends and requests that the ballot for such referendum be as follows:

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STATE BAR OF TEXAS
REFERENDUM

Do you favor the amendment of Parts VII, VIII, and the adoption of Part IX, of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct as published in the November, 1993 issue of the *Texas Bar Journal*?

Vote Yes or No.

Yes ()

No ()

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The Petitioner requests and recommends that a ballot for the referendum be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas on November 19, 1993, and that the balloting close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on December 20, 1993.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the State Bar of Texas respectfully petitions the Supreme Court of Texas to order a referendum of the membership of the State Bar of Texas in accordance with the foregoing recommendations and requests.

Respectfully submitted,

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