IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS Misc. Docket No. 96 - 9030

## ORDER OF THE COURT APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION IN CRIMINAL LAW OF THE TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization have caused to be published

Standards for Certification in Criminal Law, and

WHEREAS, those amendments to the aforementioned Standards were accepted and

approved by the members of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization on December 13, 1995 and

presented to this Court, and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Court that said Standards will advance the administration

of justice,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that the aforementioned amendments to

the Standards be adopted and that the Standards for Certification in Criminal Law be amended so

as to hereafter read as follows:

## II. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION

## B. SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT AND SPECIAL COMPETENCE

- 2. Applicants must show their substantial involvement and special competence in criminal law practice within the 3 years immediately preceding application by providing such information as may be required by the Board regarding criminal law cases participated in by them in each of the following categories:
  - a. State felony jury trials;
  - b. County court\_State misdemeanor jury trials;
  - c. Federal jury trials;
  - d. State appeals;
  - e. Federal appeals;
  - f. State and federal non-jury trials;

- g. State and federal pleas of guilty;
- h. State and federal post-conviction remedies;

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- i. Juvenile proceedings;
- j. Dismissals;
- k. Grand jury no bills;
- 1. Cases decided on pre-trial motions where evidence was presented (such as motions to suppress evidence);
- m. Probation or parole revocations;
- n. Others.

Signed this 24 day of January, 1996.

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

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Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

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