IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 96 - 9031

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

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

Standards for Certification in Consumer 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 Consumer Law be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

II. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION

- B. SUBSTANTIAL INVOLVEMENT AND SPECIAL COMPETENCE
 - 3. a. Applicants must show that during the 5 years immediately preceding application for certification they have represented clients as lead counsel in at least 24 contested consumer matters. "Contested matters" means law suits filed in a court of record in which an answer is filed and which as been resolved other than by "No Answer Default" or "Dismissal for Want of Prosecution".

 Applicant must have been counsel through resolution of the suit and representation completed. Contested consumer matters may also include cases involving issues of consumer law submitted to binding arbitration either before or after suit is filed, however, these will be considered on a case by case basis.

Signed this 26th day of January,	1996.
	Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice
	Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice
	Nathan L. Hecht, Justice
	John Cornyn, Justice Craig Enoch, Lystice
	Rose Spector, Justice
	Priscilla R. Owen, Justice
	James A. Baker, Justice
	Greg Abbott, Justice