## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 96 - 9103

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

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

Standards for Certification in Civil Appellate 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 Civil Appellate Law be

amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

## **II. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION**

F. EXAMINATION

Applicants for certification must pass a 3-hour written examination covering civil appellate law applied uniformly to all applicants. In addition, a 3-hour examination covering evidence, procedure and ethics will be given to all applicants not currently board certified in either civil trial law, personal injury trial law, or family law. An-, and in addition. an oral examination that may be required of some or all of the applicants, to be determined by the Board prior to certification, to demonstrate sufficient knowledge, proficiency and experience in civil appellate law to justify the representation of special competence to the legal profession and to the public.

Signed this  $10^{41}$  day of 4p  $n^{1}$ \_\_\_\_, 1996.

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