Misc. Docket No. 96- 9225

ORDER of the Supreme Court of Texas

## The Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure Rule 7.01

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby amends Rule 7.01 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure as follows:

7.01 Membership: The Board of Disciplinary Appeals is hereby established. Its members shall be appointed by the Supreme Court The Board of Disciplinary Appeals shall consist of of Texas. twelve lawyer members with not more than eight of such members being residents of Harris, Dallas, Tarrant, Travis, or Bexar Counties, Texas, and with no more than two members from any one The term of office of all members of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals shall be for three years. Members are eligible for appointment to one additional three-year term. member may serve consecutive terms except that Members appointed to fill an unexpired term shall be eliqible for reappointment for one two subsequent terms. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Supreme Court of Texas. Each member shall continue to perform the duties of office until his or her successor is duly qualified. No person may simultaneously be a member of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals and either the Commission, the Board, or a Committee.

This amendment shall be effective immediately.

In Chambers, this  $15\frac{1}{2}$  day of October, 1996.

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

Baker, Justice