

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 20-9106

**ORDER DELAYING PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY
REPORTING MANDATE**

ORDERED that:

1. Senate Bill 325, enacted by the 86th Legislature, requires the Office of Court Administration to create by June 1, 2020, an online registry for family violence protective orders and applications. The bill also mandates reporting to the registry those applications filed or protective orders issued on or after September 1, 2020, and training on the use of the registry to begin June 1, 2020. Act of May 1, 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., ch. 16 (SB 325).

2. The COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the development of the registry, and the Texas Judicial Council has used the full extent of its authority under SB 325, Section 2(b) to authorize a delay in establishing the registry from June 1, 2020, until September 1, 2020.

3. Pursuant to Section 22.0035(b) of the Texas Government Code and because training must still occur before the registry's implementation, the reporting mandate is hereby delayed to apply only to applications filed or protective orders issued on or after October 15, 2020.

4. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:

- a. post a copy of this Order on www.txcourts.gov;
- b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and
- c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.

5. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

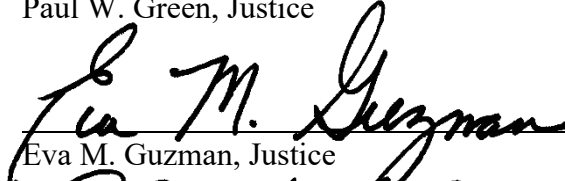
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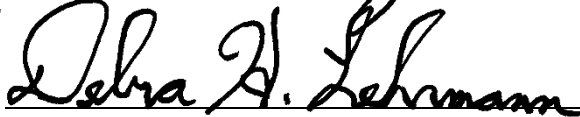
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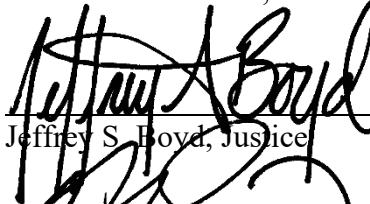
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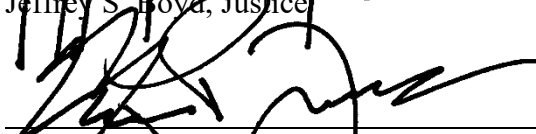
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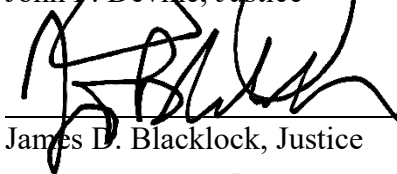
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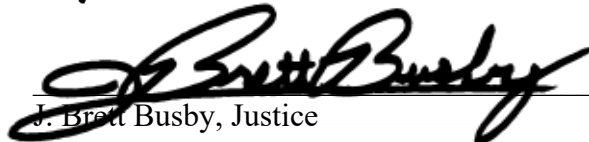
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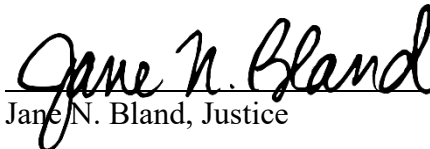
John P. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice