

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

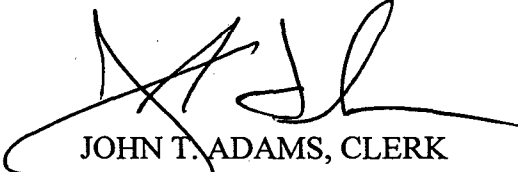
MISC. DOCKET NO. 9178

Certification of an Approved Legal
Assistance Organization

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby certifies Gulf Coast Legal Foundation as an approved legal assistance organization under the State Bar Emeritus attorney Pro Bono Participation Program pursuant to Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

with the Seal thereof affixed at the City
of Austin, this 15th day of October, 2001.


JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS



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Dwayne Bilton
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

October 4, 2001

John T. Adams
Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas
Supreme Court Building
P.O. Box 12248
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program
Article XIII, Texas State Bar Rules

Dear Mr. Adams:

Gulf Coast Legal Foundation is an approved legal assistance organization under the Emeritus Attorney Pro Bono Participation Program.

Enclosed is:

- (1) A sworn statement by Gretchen Kuehn Bohnert that she meets the requirements set forth in the rule governing this program.

Furthermore, I certify that Gretchen Kuehn Bohnert is currently associated with this organization and that myself, Dwayne Bilton and Robert Sohns, both members in good standing of the Texas Bar and employed by this organization, have been approved by me to be the supervising attorney.

I, therefore, request that Gretchen Kuehn Bohnert be approved as an emeritus attorney for Gulf Coast Legal Foundation under the supervision of Dwayne Bilton and Robert Sohns according to the provisions of Article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

Respectfully submitted by:


Dwayne Bilton
Executive Director

SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Petition for Certification of an Approved Legal Assistance Organization

Gulf Coast Legal Foundation, Petitioner, pursuant to article XIII, Section 2 (c) of the Texas State Bar Rules, petitions this Court to certify it as an approved legal assistance organization for the purpose of allowing eligible lawyers to practice under article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules and as grounds would show:

1. Petitioner is a Texas, not-for-profit organization. It was formed in 1948, for the purpose of providing free legal services to indigent persons within Harris and sixteen additional Gulf Coast Counties.
2. The Petitioner operates offices in the cities of Houston, Galveston, Bellville, Angleton, and Bryan.
3. Petitioner's major sources of funding are the Legal Services Corporation and Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation.
4. The criteria used to determine potential client's eligibility for legal services performed by Petitioner are: Household income and case type. Only civil cases are handled by the organization.
5. Petitioner provides its clients with the following types of legal and nonlegal services: Legal representation from counsel and advice up to and through litigation and appeals.
6. Presently, Petitioner employs the following members of the Texas Bar: (see attached sheet)

7. Petitioner has acquired the following malpractice insurance, which will cover any emeritus attorney working with Petitioner: CIMA Liability Program for Legal Services and Defender Services Professional and Specified Insured Organizations.
8. Petitioner's main office is located at 1415 Fannin, 3rd Floor, Houston, Texas 77002. Its area code and telephone number are (713) 652-0077.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests the Court to certify it as an approved legal assistance organization pursuant to article XIII of the Texas State Bar Rules.

DATED this 4th day of October 2001.



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Richard McElvaney
Kristin Brice
Harold Desselle
Reginald Fox
Joyce Logue
Helen Malveaux
Maryann McCulley
Mark Grandich
Saundra Brown
Romi Schwartz
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