IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 09-__**9090**

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL RULES FOR THE SECOND COURT OF APPEALS

ORDERED that:

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 1.2, this Court approves the following amendments to the local rules for the Court of Appeals for the Second Court of Appeals District in Fort Worth, Texas. This Order supersedes and vacates the Order dated April 7, 2009, in Misc. Docket No. 09-9061.

In Chambers, this **8th** day of June, 2009.

Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

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Dale Wainwright, Justice

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AMENDMENT TO SECOND COURT OF APPEALS LOCAL RULES

SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC BRIEFING

TO BE ADDED TO LOCAL RULE 1 AS SUBHEADING K:

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Signed this 4th day of May, 2009.

John Cayce Chief Justice

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Bob McCoy, Justice

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Hon, Sharon Keller Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals P.O. Box 12308, Capitol Station Austin, TX 78711

> Re: Amendment to Local Rules

Dear Chief Justice Jefferson and Presiding Judge Keller:

Enclosed is a copy of this court's Local Rule 1.K. that was recently approved by the Supreme Court April 7, 2009, Misc. Docket No. 09-9061 and approved by the Court of Criminal Appeals on March 31, 2009. Per Kennon Peterson's suggestions the court made a couple of non-substantive changes to the rules. Enclosed is the final version for your approval.

Please feel free to contact me at 817/884-1900 ext. 226 if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Robinson, Clerk of the Court

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cc: Blake Hawthorne, Clerk of the Court, Supreme Court of Texas Kennon Peterson, Rules Attorney, Supreme Court of Texas Louise Pearson, Clerk of the Court, Court of Criminal Appeals