

ORDER

OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby promulgates the following amendments to Canons 7 and 8 of the Code of Judicial Conduct:

I.

Canon 7 is amended to read in its entirety:

CANON 7. A JUDGE SHALL REFRAIN FROM POLITICAL ACTIVITY
INAPPROPRIATE TO THE JUDICIARY

(1) A judge or judicial candidate shall not make statements that indicate an opinion on any issue that may be subject to judicial interpretation by the office which is being sought or held, except that discussion of an individual's judicial philosophy is appropriate if conducted in a manner which does not suggest to a reasonable person a probable decision on any particular case.

(2) A judge or judicial candidate shall not make pledges or promises of conduct in office regarding judicial duties other than the faithful and impartial performance of the duties of office, but may state a position regarding the conduct of administrative duties. Any statement of qualifications, record, or performance in office of either the candidate or the candidate's opponent should be such as can withstand the closest scrutiny as to accuracy, candor and fairness.

(3) A judge or judicial candidate shall not authorize the public use of his or her name endorsing another candidate for any public office, except that either may indicate support for a political party. A judge or judicial candidate may attend political events and express his or her views on political matters in accord with this Canon and Canon 3A(8).

II.

Canon 8D is amended as follows:

Canon 8D. Justices of the Peace and Municipal Court Judges.

(1) A justice of the peace or municipal court judge shall comply with all provisions of this Code, except he or she is not required to comply:

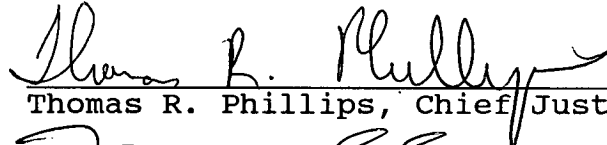
(a) [no change]


(b) with Canons 3A(6), 5B(2), 5C(2), 5C(3), 5D, 5G, or 7(2);

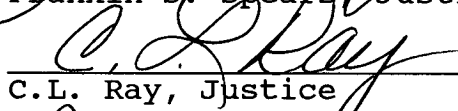
- (c) [no change]
- (d) [no change]
- (2) [no change].

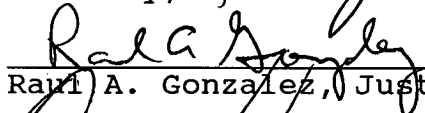
The amendment to Canon 7 is effective immediately and the amendment to Canon 8D is effective September 1, 1990.

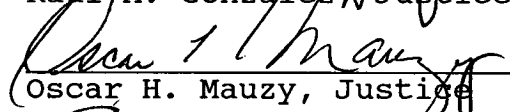
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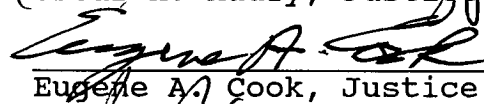

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

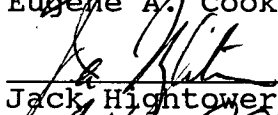

Franklin S. Spears, Justice

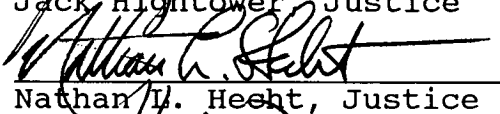

C.L. Ray, Justice

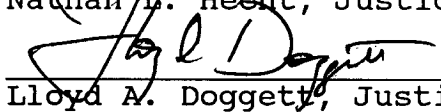

Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice


Oscar H. Mauzy, Justice


Eugene A. Cook, Justice


Jack Hightower, Justice


Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


Lloyd A. Doggett, Justice