

Misc. Docket No. 96- 9210

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT

AUTHORIZES THE COURT REPORTERS CERTIFICATION BOARD TO
DEVELOP RULES GOVERNING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS WITH
DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS

IT IS ORDERED that the Court Reporters Certification Board is authorized to adopt rules for the nonrenewal of certification of certified shorthand reporters who are in default of loans guaranteed by the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, Texas Government Code, Section 52.029(e).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these rules become effective October 1, 1996.

SIGNED this 10th day of September, 1996.

Thomas R. Phillips
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

Raul A. Gonzalez
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Nathan L. Hecht
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Rose Spector
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Priscilla R. Owen
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James A. Baker
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Greg Abbott
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**RULES GOVERNING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
WITH DEFAULTED STUDENT LOANS**

(a) The Court Reporters Certification Board (hereinafter "Board") shall not renew the certification of a certified shorthand reporter or licensee who is designated to be in default on loans guaranteed by the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (hereinafter "TGSLC"), Texas Education Code, Sec. 57.491(c)(2), and in default of repayment agreements unless:

(1) the renewal is the first renewal following the Board's receipt of the designation which includes the licensee's name among those in default; or

(2) the licensee presents to the Board a notarized copy of the documentation issued by TGSLC certifying that:

(A) the licensee has entered a repayment agreement on the defaulted loan; or

(B) the licensee is not in default on a loan guaranteed by TGSLC.

(b) The Board may issue an initial certification or license to persons whose names appear on the list of persons who are in default of loans guaranteed by TGSLC if that person meets the qualifications for certification established by the Texas Supreme Court; provided, however, that the Board shall not renew the certification unless the person presents a notarized copy of the documentation issued by TGSLC certifying that:

(1) the licensee has entered into a repayment agreement on the defaulted loan; or

(2) the licensee is not in default on a loan guaranteed by TGSLC.

(c) The Board shall provide licensees with an opportunity to have a public hearing pursuant to Rule VII, Reconsideration and Appeals, of the *Standards and Rules for Certification of Certified Shorthand Reporters* as promulgated by the Texas Supreme Court, prior to taking action concerning nonrenewal of licenses for default of student loans. The notice shall be sent to the last known address according to the Board's records.

(d) Failure to provide the notice or non-receipt of the notice as required by this subsection does not affect the default status of a licensee or the prohibitions on renewal of a certification held by a person in default.

(e) Reference to the Board's rules governing certification holders with defaulted student loans shall be printed on each certification renewal notice and certification application.