

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

Misc. Docket No. 98-9093

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**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO LOCAL RULES  
FOR THE DISTRICT COURTS OF WHARTON COUNTY  
CONCERNING SERVICE FEE ON CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

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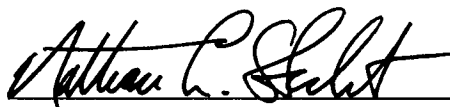
**ORDERED** that:

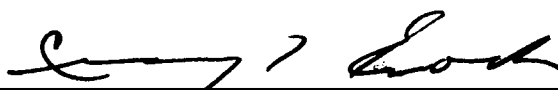
Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3a, the Supreme Court of Texas approves the following amendments to Rule 4.3 of the Local Rules for the District Courts of Wharton County, Texas, which concern an annual service fee on child support payments. The approval of these rules is temporary pending further orders of the Court.

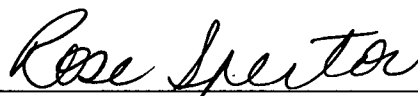
SIGNED AND ENTERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1998.


  
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

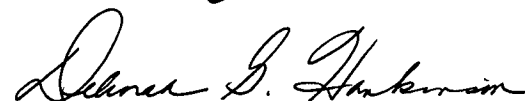
  
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Rose Spector, Justice

  
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

  
James A. Baker, Justice

  
Greg Abbott, Justice

  
Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice

DISTRICT COURTS OF WHARTON COUNTY, TEXAS  
LOCAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

**RULE 4. DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES**

- 4.3. **ANNUAL SERVICE FEE ON CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS** - All Divorce Decrees and Support Orders after contempt hearings involving child support shall contain the following paragraph:

“It is further ordered that \_\_\_\_\_, the person ordered to make payments for child support, shall pay a fee of \$36.00 annually to the Child Support Office of this Court, by a separate Cashier’s Check or Money Order, and the first annual payment of this service fee is to be paid in addition to the amount of support, on same date of first support payment, and then \$36.00 payable annually on the same date of each year thereafter until child support is no longer required to be paid in this cause.”

- A. Child Support payments are to be ordered withheld from the Obligor’s earnings.
- B. The name and address of the Obligor’s employer must accompany the Order for Withholding from Income for child support.

**SECOND ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL  
REGION OF TEXAS**

**OLEN UNDERWOOD  
PRESIDING JUDGE**

JUDY GEIGER  
ADMIN. ASSISTANT

VIKKI NELSON  
REGIONAL OFFICE MGR

May 29, 1998

Honorable Nathan L. Hecht  
Justice, Supreme Court of Texas  
P. O. Box 12248  
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Local Rules Amendment, Wharton County


Dear Justice Hecht:

Pursuant to, and in accordance with Rule 3a, Texas rules of Civil procedure, and Rule 8, Regional Rules of Administration, Second Administrative Judicial Region, I am enclosing for approval by the Justices of the Supreme Court, an amendment to the Local Rules of Wharton County, to become effective June 1, 1998.

I hereby approve this addition to Wharton County's Local Rules. Please advise this office of the Court's approval.

Thank you for your usual courtesies.

Sincerely,



Olen Underwood

Cc: Honorable Dan Sklar,  
Local Administrative Judge

Enclosure



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June 30, 1998

Hon. Olen Underwood  
Second Admin. Judicial Rgn.  
301 North Main, Suite 228  
Conroe, Texas 77381

Dear Judge Underwood,

Please find enclosed, a copy of the order of the Supreme Court that approved a local rule amendment for the district courts of Wharton County.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

John T. Adams  
Clerk

Encl.

cc: Hon. Daniel R. Sklar  
Local Admin. Judge

District Clerk

County Clerk

Supreme Court Adv Committee

Mr. Jerry Benedict  
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