

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 99 - 9001

ORDER OF THE COURT APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE
STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF
ATTORNEY CERTIFYING ORGANIZATIONS BY THE
TEXAS BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Texas Board of Legal Specialization approved certain amendments to the Standards for Accreditation of Attorney Certifying Organizations on September 11, 1998, and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Court that said Standards will advance the administration of justice,

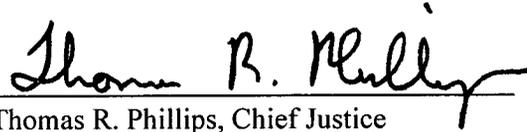
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Court that the aforementioned amendments to the Standards be adopted and that the Standards for Accreditation of Attorney Certifying Organizations be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

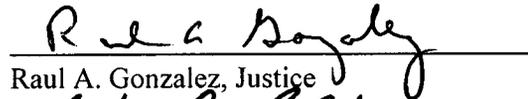
SECTION IV. ATTORNEY INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

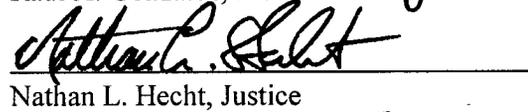
- A. **Certification Requirements.** The applicant organization shall require for certification of attorneys the following minimum requirements:
5. **Educational Experience.** A minimum of ~~40~~ 60 hours of participation in continuing legal education in the specialty area in the 3 year period preceding the attorney's application for certification. *A maximum of 30 hours per calendar year can be applied towards certification requirements.* Courses approved by the TBLS in the specialty area will be counted towards this requirement. This requirement may be met through any of the following means:
- B. **Recertification Requirements.** The certifying organization shall require for recertification of attorneys as specialists the following minimum requirements:
3. **Educational Experience.** A minimum of ~~75~~ 100 hours of participation in continuing legal education in the specialty area in the years of recertification preceding the attorney's application for recertification. A maximum of ~~40~~ 30 hours per calendar year can be applied towards recertification requirements. There

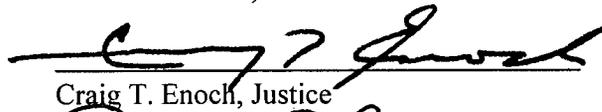
is to be no carry-over CLE hours. Courses approved by the TBLS in the specialty area will be counted towards this requirement. This requirement may be met through any of the following means:

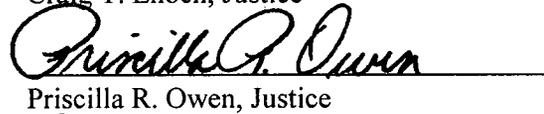
Signed this 5th day of January, 1999.


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

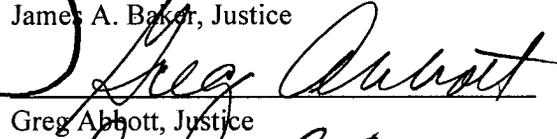

Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

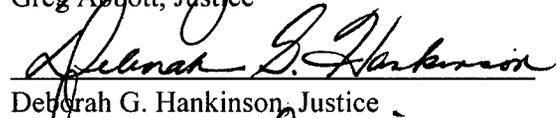

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

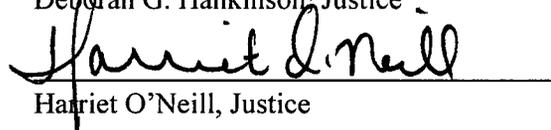

Craig T. Enoch, Justice


Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


James A. Baker, Justice


Greg Abbott, Justice


Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice


Harriet O'Neill, Justice