

SCAC MEETING AGENDA - REVISED

November 21-22, 2008

9:00 a.m.

**Location: Texas Association of Broadcasters
502 E. 11th Street, Suite 200
Austin, Texas 78701
512-322-9944**

1. **WELCOME (Babcock)**

2. **STATUS REPORT FROM JUSTICE HECHT**

Justice Hecht will report on Supreme Court actions and those of other courts related to the Supreme Court Advisory Committee since the September 2008 meeting. Justice Hecht may refer new issues for the committee's study.

3. **JURY PROCEDURE ISSUES (Christopher/Albright)**

- a. Report to SCAC on Jury Innovations (Judge Christopher)
- b. Email from Kennon Peterson dated 10/13/08
- c. Letter from Justice Hecht to Senate Jurisprudence Committee dated 9/30/08
- d. SB No. 01300
- e. Update email from Kennon Peterson dated 11/17/08
- f. TEX-ABOTA Board Resolution on Jury Procedures
- g. State of Texas Resolution of the Texas Judicial Council – Jury Note-Taking and Juror Questions to Witnesses
- h. Interim Report (December 2008) from Senate Jurisprudence Committee
- i. Email from Ann Diamond to Judge Walther and Kennon Peterson dated 11/18/08 re: SBOT Court Rules Committee's input on Jury Innovation issues

Judge Naranjo will be in attendance as a resource.

4. **PROPOSED PJC AMENDMENT TO RULE 226a (Christopher/Albright)**

- a. Memo from Judge Christopher to SCAC dated 11/17/08
- b. Report to SCAC on Plain Language Rewrite of Admonitory Instructions

5. **JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION RULE 12 – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (Peterson)**

- a. Email from Kennon Peterson dated 11/14/08
- b. Redline draft of proposed changes

Margaret Bennett, General Counsel for the OCA will be in attendance as a resource.

6. **ISSUE REGARDING SMALL CLAIMS COURT AND TRCP (Lawrence/Peterson)**
 - a. 11/18/08 Email from Kennon Peterson
 - b. 10/14/08 Letter from Dr. Thomas Ellis to Supreme Court of Texas
 - c. 10/27/08 Letter from Dr. Thomas Ellis to SCAC
 - d. 10/30/08 Letter from Dr. Thomas Ellis to SCAC w/ two attachments

7. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULES 296-329(b) (Duggins/Dorsaneo/Cortell)**

Proposed Amendments (current and proposed) to Rules 296 – 329(b)

8. **CIVIL COVER SHEETS (Peterson)**
 - a. 11/18/08 Email from Kennon Peterson
 - b. County Civil Cover Sheet
 - c. District Civil Cover Sheet
 - d. Family Civil Cover Sheet

9. **UPDATE: CLASSIFICATION OF APPELLATE CASES (CIVIL OR CRIMINAL) (Gaultney)**

10. **UPDATE ON STATE BAR COURT ADMINISTRATION TASK FORCE'S FINAL REPORT (Albright)**