

SCAC MEETING AGENDA – REVISED 4/12/12

April 13-14, 2012

9:00 a.m.

**Location: State Bar Building
1414 Colorado, Room 101
Austin, Texas 78711
512-427-1463**

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 January 2012 meeting. Justice Hecht may refer new issues for the committee's study.

3. **PROTECTIVE ORDER KIT UPDATE (Orsinger)**

Protective Order Task Force chair Stewart Gagnon will attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

- a) Order Appointing Protective Order Task Force (Misc. Docket No. 03-9146) dated 9/9/03
- b) Report to the Supreme Court of Texas, 2012 updates to Protective Order Kit, filed 2/17/12

4. **UNIFORM FORMS: DIVORCE FORMS (Orsinger)**

Uniform Forms Task Force chair Stewart Gagnon will attend the meeting and participate in the discussion. Also attending and participating will be Patricia McAllister, Executive Director of Texas Access to Justice Commission, Tom Vick and Tim Belton of the State Bar of Texas Solutions 2012 Committee, and Steve Bresnen and Judge Judy Warne as representatives of the State Bar's Family Law Section. Also attending as a resource will be Laurel Holland, a staff attorney at the Travis County Courthouse Law Library self-help center who works directly with pro se litigants.

- a) Referral letter from Justice Hecht to Chip Babcock dated 1/25/12
- b) Order Creating Uniform Forms Task Force (Misc. Docket No. 11-9046) dated 3/15/11
- c) Letter from Chief Justice Jefferson to Bob Black (Pres. of the State Bar) dated 1/25/12
- d) Report from the Uniform Forms Task Force to the Supreme Court of Texas, filed 1/11/12
- e) Divorce Kit – No Minor Children, No Real Property: Instructions and Forms
- f) A Report to the SCAC from the Texas Access to Justice Commission dated 4/6/12

- g) Brief of the Texas Access to Justice Commission Regarding the Supreme Court's Authority to Promulgate Pleading Forms, filed with the Supreme Court on 4/6/12
- h) State Bar of Texas Solutions 2012 Report to the State Bar Board of Directors, 4/13/12
- i) Family Law Groups' Response to the Proposed Forms dated 4/10/12
- j) Family Law Groups' Ideas for Pro Se Litigants dated 4/9/12
- k) Report of the SCAC Subcommittee on Proposed Divorce-Related Forms dated 4/11/12

5. **WORD LIMIT AMENDMENTS (TRAP RULES) (Secco/Hawthorne)**

- a) Proposed Amendments – Rule 9