

Supreme Court of Texas


Misc. Docket No. 26-9008

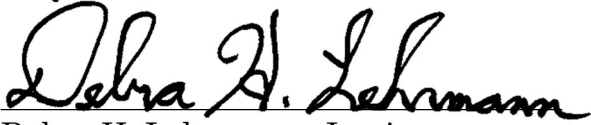
Preliminary Approval of Amendments to Rule 6 of the Texas Rules of Judicial Administration

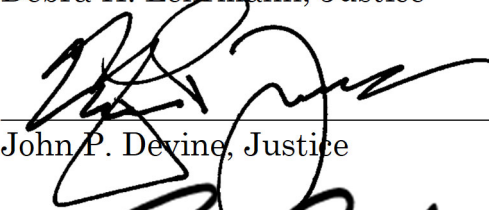
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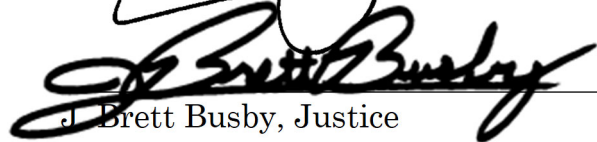
1. In accordance with the Act of June 2, 2025, 89th Leg., R.S., ch. 1130 (S.B. 293), the Court invites public comments on proposed amendments to Texas Rule of Judicial Administration 6. The proposed amendment to Rule 6's title is shown in redline form. New Rule 6.3 is shown in clean form.
2. Comments regarding the amendments should be submitted in writing to rulescomments@txcourts.gov by June 1, 2026.
3. The Court will issue an order finalizing the amendments after the close of the comment period. The Court may change the amendments in response to public comments. The Court expects the amendments to take effect on July 1, 2026.
4. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. send a copy of this order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - c. submit a copy of this order for publication in the *Texas Register*.
5. The State Bar of Texas is directed to:
 - a. cause a copy of this order to be sent to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by email; and
 - b. cause a copy of this order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Dated: January 30, 2026.


James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice

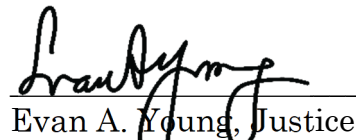

Debra H. Lehmann, Justice

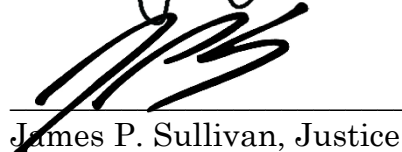

John P. Devine, Justice

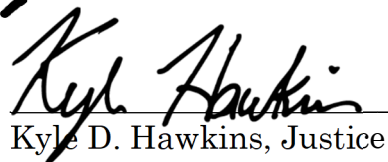

J. Brett Busby, Justice


Jane N. Bland, Justice


Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice


Evan A. Young, Justice


James P. Sullivan, Justice


Kyle D. Hawkins, Justice

Rules of Judicial Administration

Rule 6. Time Standards for the Disposition of Cases; Time Reporting

Rule 6.1 District, Statutory County, and Business Courts.

Rule 6.2 Appeals in Certain Cases Involving the Parent-Child Relationship and From Orders Certifying a Juvenile to Stand Trial as an Adult.

Rule 6.3 District Court Time Reporting. (New Rule; Clean Form)

(a) Definitions.

- (1) “Other judicial duties” as used in this rule includes:
 - (A) performing case-related duties, such as reviewing court filings and evidence, conducting legal research, drafting orders and opinions, and presiding over hearings and other court proceedings;
 - (B) performing administrative tasks, such as meeting with other judges regarding court procedures and business, preparing for such meetings, reviewing and drafting local rules, drafting policies, supervising staff and other judges, exercising appointment powers, responding to Rule 12 requests, serving as a judicial mentor, timekeeping and other reporting, and reviewing court metrics and data;
 - (C) completing, preparing for, or presenting continuing education;
 - (D) participating in activities to improve the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice;
 - (E) completing forms required for those who hold judicial office, such as financial disclosure forms and filing forms; and
 - (F) any duties of the judge’s office prescribed by law, rule, or other court order;

(2) “Sworn” means made under penalty of perjury.

- (b) **Required Statement.** A district court judge must electronically submit the following sworn statement to the judge’s Regional Presiding Judge and the Office of Court Administration in a manner specified by the Office:

“I spent approximately _____ hours in the past 6 months presiding over court at the courthouse or another court facility and approximately _____ hours performing other judicial duties.”

- (c) **Deadline.** The judge must submit the statement by:

(1) July 20, for the period from January 1 to June 30; and

(2) January 20, for the period from July 1 to December 31.

- (d) **Supporting Documentation.** This rule does not require submission of supporting documentation. Any supporting documentation is not subject to disclosure under Rule 12.