IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 20-9046

FIFTH EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER

ORDERED that:

1. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. This Order supplements and does not replace or amend prior Emergency Orders Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster.

3. All deadlines, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, related to attorney professional disciplinary and disability proceedings are tolled while this Order remains in effect.

4. The order is retroactive to March 13, 2020, and expires May 8, 2020, unless extended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

5. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:

   a. post a copy of this Order on www.txcourts.gov;

   b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and

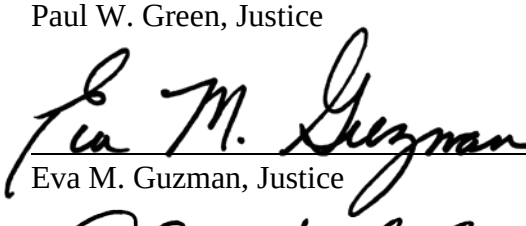
   c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.

6. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

Dated: March 20, 2020

Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice

Paul W. Green, Justice



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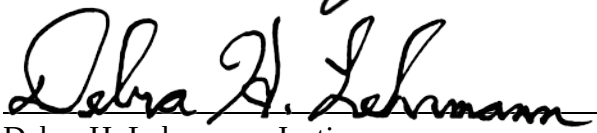

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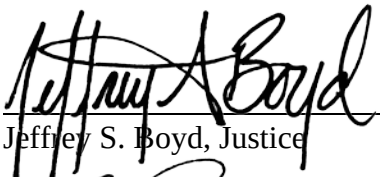

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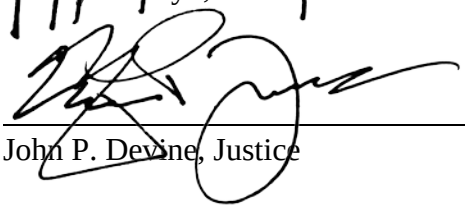

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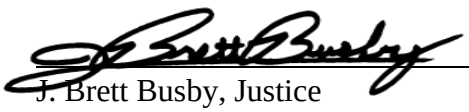

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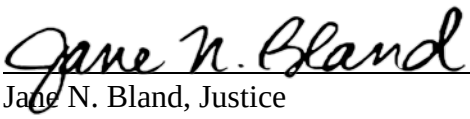

Jane N. Bland, Justice