



# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 15-9116

## APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO RULE 1 OF THE RULES GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE BAR OF TEXAS

ORDERED that:

1. Rule 1 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas is amended as follows, effective immediately.
2. The Clerk is directed to:
  - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
  - 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*;
  - c. send a copy of this order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
  - d. submit a copy of the order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

Dated: June 23, 2015

Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice  
 Paul W. Green, Justice  
 Phil Johnson, Justice  
 Don R. Willett, Justice  
 Eva M. Guzman, Justice  
 Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice  
 Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice  
 John P. Devine, Justice  
 Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice

### Rule I Definitions and General Provisions

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- ~~(c) If any completed document required to be filed by these Rules is placed, along with all required fees, in a postpaid envelope properly addressed to the Board and then deposited in a post office or official depository under the care and custody of the United States Postal Service, the document will be deemed timely filed if the envelope bears a legible U.S. Postal Service postmark that is dated on or before the applicable deadline date.~~

A document is considered filed when:

- (1) the document and any required fee are submitted electronically through the Board's website; or
- (2) the document and any required fee are received by the Board in accordance with the Board's written policies and instructions.

- ~~(d)~~ A document submitted electronically is considered signed if the document includes:

- (1) a name typed in the space where the signature would otherwise appear;
- (2) an electronic or scanned image of the signature;
- (3) a digital signature; or
- (4) any other form of signature allowed by the Board's written policies and instructions.

- ~~(e)~~ The Board must not disclose to any third party any information obtained with respect to the character or fitness of any Applicant, Declarant, or probationary licensee, except:

- ~~(1)~~ upon written authority of ~~such~~ the Applicant, or Declarant, or probationary licensee;
- ~~(2)~~ in response to a valid subpoena from a court of competent jurisdiction; or
- ~~(3)~~ to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas or to the Texas Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. **TBJ**