

# IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 20-009

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## EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE RULES OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION

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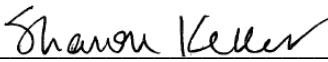
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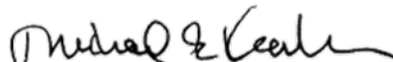
**ORDERED** that:


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. This Order is issued pursuant to Section 56.006 of the Texas Government Code and applies to the Rules of Judicial Education adopted by the Court of Criminal Appeals.
4. This Order suspends all sections of the Rules of Judicial Education that require live, continuous hours of judicial education, including instruction regarding substantive, procedural, and evidentiary law in civil matters, that would in any way prevent a judge from completing the number of hours required by said Rules while coping with this disaster. The number and type of hours required by the Rules of Judicial Education may be obtained by electronic means and may include on-demand/online webinars and audio or video recorded from live seminars.
5. In the event you cannot obtain your required hours within the reporting deadline set by your respective organization, you may fulfill your hours by electronic means. This may include on-demand webinars and audio or video recorded from live seminars.
6. This Order is effective as of March 30, 2020 and is in effect until thirty days after the Governor lifts the Declaration of State of Disaster.
7. The Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals is directed to:
  - a. post a copy of this Order on [www.txcourts.gov](http://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.

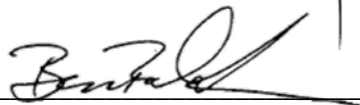
8. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

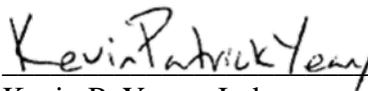
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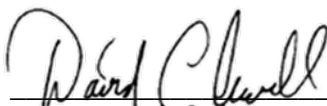
  
Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge

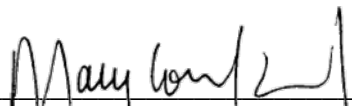
  
Michael Keasler, Judge

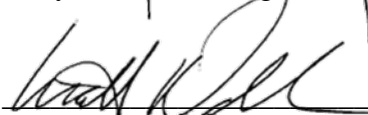
  
Barbara P. Hervey, Judge

  
Bert Richardson, Judge

  
Kevin P. Yeary, Judge

  
David Newell, Judge

  
Mary Lou Keel, Judge

  
Scott Walker, Judge

  
Michelle M. Slaughter, Judge