

SCAC MEETING AGENDA
January 22-23, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Location: Texas Association of Broadcasters
502 E. 11th Street, Suite 200
Austin, Texas 78701
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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 November 2009 meeting. Justice Hecht may refer new issues for the committee's study.

3. **INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM – 21ST CENTURY CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM – A ROADMAP FOR REFORM (Babcock)**

Discuss the rules and guidelines in preparation for making recommendations to the Executive Director of the IAALS regarding the content of the rules and guidelines

- a) Pilot Project Rules
- b) Civil Caseflow Management Guidelines

Rebecca Kourlis (Executive Director of the IAALS) and Bill Norwood (member of the IAALS task force) will be presenting.

4. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TRCP 296-329b (Carlson/Duncan/Peeples)**

- a) REVISED Proposed Amendments to TRCP 296 – 329b (1/18/10)
- b) Memorandum from B. Dorsaneo Dated 4/16/09 Regarding Proposed Civil Procedure Rule 301

5. **TRCP 18a and 18b - RECUSAL (Peeples/Orsinger)**

- a) Referral Letter From Justice Hecht Dated 6/11/09
- b) Proposed Changes to TRCP 18a (blackline and clean) After Discussion at SCAC Meetings on 9/25/09 and 11/20/09
- c) Proposed Changes to TRCP 18b After Discussion at SCAC Meeting on 9/25/09

6. **JUROR QUESTIONS DURING DELIBERATIONS (Christopher)**

- a) Memorandum Summarizing the Issues
- b) Last Draft of Amended Instructions Following TRCP 226a
- c) *Ford Motor Co. v. Castillo*
- d) Memorandum Regarding *Ford Motor Co. v. Castillo*
- e) Memorandum Regarding Other States' Instructions
- f) Chart Regarding Other States' Instructions
- g) Rick Casey Article Regarding Re-trial
- h) Texas Lawyer Article Regarding Current Case
- i) Form for Juror Questions Used in the 295th District Court of Harris County