



## The Supreme Court of Texas

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Justice Nathan L. Hecht

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Mr. Charles L. "Chip" Babcock  
Chair, Supreme Court Advisory Committee  
Jackson Walker L.L.P.  
1401 McKinney, Suite 1900  
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Dear Chip:

The Supreme Court requests the Advisory Committee to consider whether court procedural rules should be amended in light of the United States Supreme Court's decision this week in *Caperton v. A. T. Massey Coal Co.* as well as the Texas Judicial Campaign Fairness Act, TEX. ELEC. CODE §§ 253.151-.176. The goals, of course, are to promote public confidence in the judiciary, assure litigants an impartial forum, and provide elected judges in Texas practical guidance.

As always, the Court is grateful to you and the Committee for your hard work and respected counsel.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nathan L. Hecht".

Nathan L. Hecht  
Justice