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SCAC: Subcommittee Report on TRCP 223

Here is a report from Paula Sweeney on Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 223:

Pasted below is the most current work product of our subcommittee on the shuffle rule for discussion by the full committee, as I think we would benefit from full committee input at this stage. It is not a recommendation, but our work in progress, which is approaching consensus. I also expect that there will be a request from Judge Peeples that the committee vote to abolish the rule in its entirety.

MOST RECENT SHUFFLE RULE PROPOSAL:

"After assignment to a particular court, and prior to beginning of the voir dire examination, any party or attorney may request a jury shuffle. The judge or clerk will shuffle the names of all members of the assigned jury panel in the case by computer, manually, or by other process of random selection. The names shall then be transcribed on the jury list from which the jury is to be selected to try such case, in the order randomly selected. There shall be only one shuffle in each case."

This item will not be posted on the website before the meeting next week, but I will bring hard copies to the meeting.