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Honorable Nathan Hecht  
Supreme Court of Texas  
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Re: Rule 223 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure

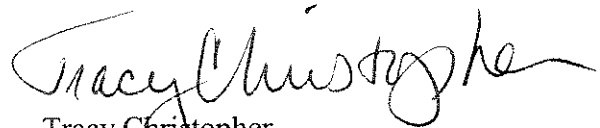
Dear Justice Hecht:

We currently have our individual juror lists in Harris County printed out by computer. With a push of a button, our computer will "shuffle" the names on the list and reprint a new jury list. Unfortunately such a shuffle does not comply with a literal reading of Rule 223.

We are also in the process in Harris County of scanning our juror information cards into a computer. Once that is done, we would also be able to shuffle the jury list and then rearrange the juror information cards in the computer for quick reprinting.

As you know, an old fashioned shuffle can take 45 minutes to an hour to complete. Our jurors wait patiently (or not) for the process to be completed. The computerized system will allow a shuffle to be completed much more quickly.

The judges in Harris County would like to request a change to the language of Rule 223 to allow for the computer shuffle. Thank you for considering this.

  
Tracy Christopher