

**Resolution of the Council of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section  
approved in Council meeting on January 16, 2012.**

Whereas the Council of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar of Texas has been informed about the activities of the Supreme Court's Uniform Forms Task Force in conjunction with the activities of the Texas Access to Justice Commission and the adoption of a broad Seven-Point Plan for the aid of *pro se* litigants;

Whereas the Council has reviewed such portions of the Plan as have become available along with the opposition to this Plan by the Family Law Foundation and Section, the San Antonio Bar Association, the Panhandle Family Law Association, and several other thoughtful and responsible organizations of attorneys;

Whereas the Council has considered the impact on the practice of law, the implications for the administration of justice, the costs, and the welfare of litigants and the public generally as well as the potential for unintended deleterious consequences of the Plan; and

Whereas the Council has reviewed and considered the dramatic increase in the expense and activities of the Commission, its cost to the State Bar and the lack of transparency to the Bar and its constituents of those activities and the components of expense.

**Therefore**, the Council of the General Practice Solo and Small Firm Section of the State Bar resolves that:

We endorse the opposition by the Family Law Section, the San Antonio Bar Association, the Panhandle Family Law Association and other organizations to the adoption of the Seven-Point Plan, specifically including but not limited to the adoption of the plan to implement uniform forms for *pro se* litigants;

We oppose any such plan having such a radical and deleterious impact on the practice of law, the administration of justice, and the welfare of the public;

We oppose the expansion of the role of Commission beyond aiding the indigent, and into providing uninformed or under-informed services to those who are not indigent; and

We oppose the current practice of the State Bar of Texas in funding the activities of the Access to Justice Commission without detailed public and advanced review of its programs and its expenditures.