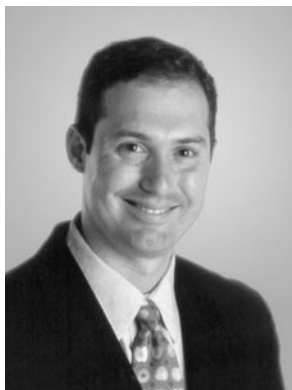


## EDITOR'S COMMENTS



LONNY S. HOFFMAN

**T**HIS ISSUE OF THE ADVOCATE IS AN EXPERIMENT. In the past we have published the “Best Of” from the annual Litigation Update in the same format as the other three issues we put out. This time we are going to make the “Best of” 2005 Litigation Update issue available only on-line, through a link on the Litigation Section website ([www.tex-lit.org](http://www.tex-lit.org)). Why are we trying this? First, the cost of printing and mailing this issue is substantial. It usually exceeds one hundred pages in length. Second, there was the thought that making the issue available only electronically would not be too burdensome for member since it is not likely that anyone reads this issue cover-to-cover. Unlike the symposium issues, which are devoted to one particular area of the law, this issue covers updates from many different fields.

Although we are trying this as an experiment with this issue, we do intend to continue to publish the three symposium issues in paper format and *also* make those available on-line.

Speaking of the other symposium issues, here is a preview of the next three issues we are working on.

The summer 2005 symposium issue is devoted to *Juries: From Selection to Misconduct*. In this issue, we will cover the most recent developments in the law relating to juries. In particular, lawyers who are leading the pattern jury charge revision project will report on the work of those committees. In addition, Lisa Hobbs, Rules Attorney for the Texas Supreme Court, is writing an article on the Court-sanctioned reforms that are being made to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 226a. We also have articles on psychiatric profiling of jurors and jury selection, more generally; articles on *vore dire* practice and the law; and articles on jury misconduct disqualification issues. The issue should come out in the first part of July 2005.

The fall 2005 issue, slated for October 2005) is on *Remedies: Damages, Injunctive Relief and Beyond*. Finally, the winter 2006 issue (January 2006) will address a myriad of topics relating to attorneys' fees, tentatively (though unimaginatively) entitled, *Myriad of Topics Relating to Attorneys' Fees*.

The other item I wanted to mention is the Rule 202 survey that I have just sent out to all members of the Litigation Section. Last week, you should have received an email from me. In case you can't find that email, the link is <http://www.law.uh.edu/survey/rule202>. I want to do this survey to gather information about how lawyers and judges have used Rule 202 which authorizes pre-suit depositions. My plan is to write an academic article that will discuss how Rule 202 has been used in Texas. I have tested this survey on some lawyers and it took them no more than approximately 2-3 minutes to complete it. And, when you submit your completed survey, you may win a free registration to the 2006 Litigation Update CLE (worth \$400), sponsored by the Litigation Section and the State Bar of Texas (at the Four Seasons in Austin, Texas, January 2006), so, hopefully, that will be some additional incentive to complete it and send it in. The survey is anonymous. The results will be published, inter alia, in a forthcoming issue of THE ADVOCATE.

I am always interested in your feedback about THE ADVOCATE. I am especially interested in whether you think this experiment of saving the printing and mailing costs for this one “Best of” issue is a good idea. My email address is [LHoffman@central.uh.edu](mailto:LHoffman@central.uh.edu).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lonny Hoffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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