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More on Appellate E-Filing

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Early this year, I accepted an offer from *Texas Lawyer* to write a quarterly column on technology issues affecting the publication's namesake audience. The first article in this series—an update on appellate e-filing in Texas—appeared in this week's issue. I am happy to report that Law.com picked it up as well.

I've received some nice feedback about the article since it came out. One particular commenter, Houston's <u>Scott Rothenberg</u> (who, by the way, gives great ethics CLE presentations and is one of the funniest appellate lawyers you could ever meet) pointed out to me that the Supreme Court Advisory Committee has been considering how the appellate rules should be modified in conjunction with the <u>TAMES program's forthcoming launch</u>. The <u>SCAC's initial rule re-draft</u> and a <u>proposed order directing the form of the record in civil cases</u> are available through the links provided.

The SCAC thoroughly debated this initial proposal about a year ago (the meeting transcripts are here and here), but apparently has not come back to it since then. Though not an item on the current SCAC meeting agenda, the working re-draft provides a glimpse of the kinds of rule changes we should expect to hear more about soon.