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Synopsis of Texaco's 130 Points of Error

- SEC rule 10b-13 bars private offer to buy shares while your tender offer is pending
- No evidence of tortious interference:
 - No binding Pennzoil/Getty agreement
 - No knowing interference
 - □ No active inducement
- Improper actual / punitive damages
- Allowing tortious interference to stifle takeovers violates Commerce Clause
- Judges Farris & Caleb were disqualified

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Texaco's Overview

first time nineteen (19) new cases not previously considered or argued by either party, but refusing to accept a post-argument brief from Texaco thus denying Texaco the right to rebut the new arguments and new cases raised by Pennzoil. (Germane to First Motion for Rehearing Point 17 and Second Motion for Rehearing Point 17) (Order dated August 20, 1986; Texaco's Motion for Reconsideration filed August 22, 1986; Order Denying Texaco's Motion, August 22, 1986)

130. The court of appeals erred under state law and under the Due Process Clause of the United States Constitution in refusing to release to Texaco the record of the oral argument before the court. (Germane to First Motion for Rehearing Point 18 and Second Motion for Rehearing Point 18) (Joint Motion of appellant Texaco and appellee Pennzoil to obtain a transcribed copy of oral argument filed August 8, 1986; Order Denying Joint Motion, August 18, 1986)

OVERVIEW

The court of appeals has affirmed a judgment against Texaco on the basis of a claim by Pennzoil that Texaco intentionally induced the Getty entities (the Getty Oil Company and its two largest shareholders, the Getty family trust and Getty Museum) to breach a known, existing and valid "contract" to Pennzoil's detriment of more than seven and a half billion

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dollars (\$7,530,000,000.00). At the court of appeals' suggestion, Pennzoil remitted two of the three billion dollar award, still (\$3,000,000,000.00) punitive damage leaving а punitive damages judgment against Texaco for one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00). The resulting total judgment (including the accrued post-judgment interest) exceeds one half of the budget for the entire State of Texas for the current fiscal year.1 The post-judgment interest on this judgment works out to more than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per hour.

Pennzoil's "compensatory" damage award of 7.53 billion dollars (\$7,530,000,000.00) is more than twice what Pennzoil was willing to pay for the rights it claims it "contracted" to purchase--and more than 15 times the difference between the highest established market value of those rights and Pennzoil's alleged contract price. Not only did Pennzoil never pay one cent to Getty for this windfall, but Pennzoil made a profit of nearly thirty-four million dollars (\$34,000,000.00) from Texaco's purchase of the Getty Oil stock Pennzoil had bought a month or two before Texaco's offer. Pennzoil "generously" permitted its profits to be offset against its outrageous damage recovery.

How can such a judgment be justified? Frankly, this egregiously unjust result cannot be legally justified. It can, however, be explained--and that is the office of Texaco's

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^{1.}TexasAlmanac, State Budget, 69th Legislature, Sept. 1, 1986 - Aug. 31, 1987, p. 718 (\$18,309,566,711.00).

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