

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

Misc. Docket No. 10- 9085


**ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULE FOR TARRANT COUNTY**

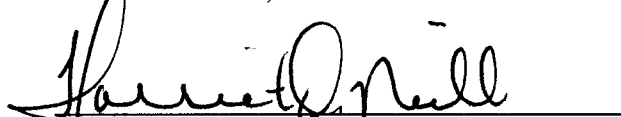
**ORDERED** that:


Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3a, the Supreme Court of Texas approves the following amendments to the local rule for Tarrant County regarding the application for and refusal of Title IV-D child-support services. This Order amends paragraph (a) of the rule but does not modify other paragraphs approved by Order dated January 30, 2007, in Misc. Docket No. 07-9023.

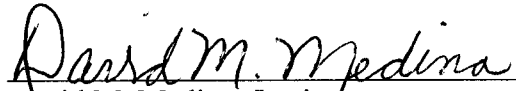
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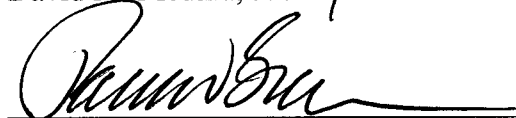
  
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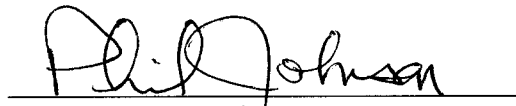
  
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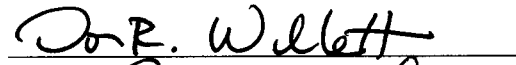
  
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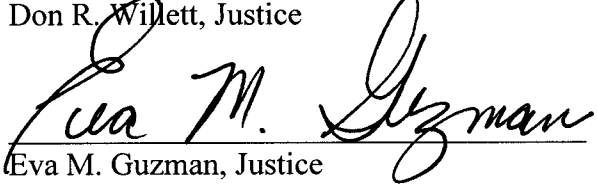
  
Dale Wainwright, Justice

  
David M. Medina, Justice

  
Paul W. Green, Justice

  
Phil Johnson, Justice

  
Don R. Willett, Justice

  
Eva M. Guzman, Justice

## PROPOSED LOCAL RULE FOR TARRANT COUNTY

### Application for Title IV-D Child Support Services

In each final divorce decree that orders child support and is signed on or after October 16, 2000 by the presiding judge of a Tarrant County Family District Court and any subsequent modification to that decree, and in each final parentage decree not based on an action initiated by a Title IV-D agency that orders child support and is signed on or after March 12, 2007 by the presiding judge of a Tarrant County Family District Court and any subsequent modification to that decree, the obligee in any such decree or modification to that decree shall be deemed to have made application for Title IV-D Child Support Services.



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May 3, 2010

Ms. Kennon L. Peterson  
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Supreme Court of Texas  
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Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Peterson:

Enclosed please find the original of a proposed local rule approved by the family law Judges of Tarrant County, Texas and by Judge Jeff Walker, Presiding Judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> Administrative Judicial Region. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter from Christina Glenn, Director of the Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office which explains the need for the rule.

I ask that the proposed Local Rule please be presented to the Court for approval. If any additional information is needed or if there is any other step in this process that I have failed to take, please contact me at the above address or telephone number.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Randy Catterton", written over a horizontal line.

Randy Catterton

CSG/encl



# TARRANT COUNTY

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May 3, 2010

The Honorable Randy Catterton  
Judge, 231<sup>st</sup> Judicial District of Texas  
Tarrant County Family Law Center  
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Re: Proposed Local Rule: Application for Title IV-D Child Support Services by the Domestic Relations Office

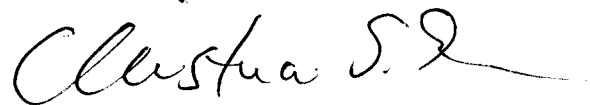
Dear Judge Catterton:

Enclosed please find the Order For Application For Title IV-D Child Support Services signed by the Tarrant County Family District Judges with its attached Proposed Local Rule For Tarrant County. Please note that this Proposed Local Rule is submitted for the purpose of amending the Local Rule Regarding Application for and Refusal of Title IV-D Child Support Services, Tarrant County Family District Courts, Misc. Docket No. 07-9023, signed by the Supreme Court of Texas on January 30, 2007. This is necessary so that modifications will be included under the local rule.

Could you please submit this Order with attached Proposed Local Rule to the Texas Supreme Court for its consideration to: (Ms.) Kennon L. Peterson, Rules Attorney, Supreme Court of Texas, P.O. Box 12248 Austin, TX 7871. Should you need her telephone number, it is: 512.463.1353.

If additional information is needed, please let me know. Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Christina S. Glenn


CSG/

ORDER FOR APPLICATION FOR TITLE IV-D SUPPORT SERVICES

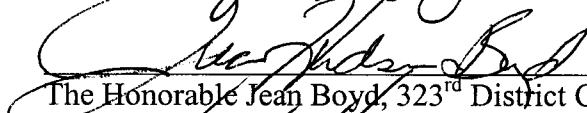
The undersigned Family District Judges of Tarrant County, Texas, have determined that it is in the best interest of the children of Tarrant County in each final divorce decree that orders child support and is signed on or after October 16, 2000 by the presiding judge of a Tarrant County Family District Court and any subsequent modification to that decree, and in each final parentage decree not based on an action initiated by a Title IV-D agency that orders child support and is signed on or after March 12, 2007 by the presiding judge of a Tarrant County Family District Court and any subsequent modification to that decree, to find that the obligee in any such decree or modification to that decree shall be deemed to have made application for Title IV-D Child Support Services and that it is necessary to adopt local rules for the procedure.

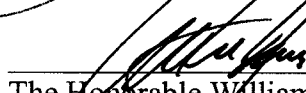
It is therefore ORDERED that the proposed Local Rule for Tarrant County stated above is hereby adopted and shall include by reference the Local Rules of the District Courts of Tarrant County and shall pertain to all Title IV-D Child Support Services provided pursuant to said Local Rule.

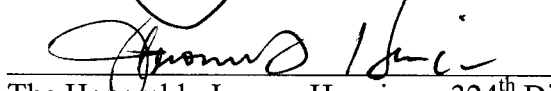
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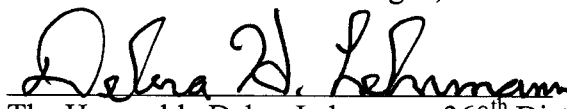
  
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The Honorable Randy Catterton, 231<sup>st</sup> District Court

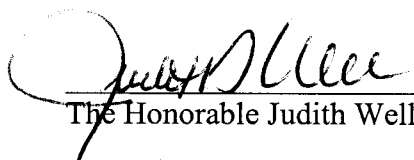
  
Date: 4-21-2010  
The Honorable Nancy Berger, 322<sup>nd</sup> District Court

  
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The Honorable Jean Boyd, 323<sup>rd</sup> District Court

  
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The Honorable William Harris, 233<sup>rd</sup> District Court

  
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The Honorable Jerome Hennigan, 324<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
Date: 4-20-10  
The Honorable Debra Lehrmann, 360<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
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The Honorable Judith Wells, 325<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
Date: 4-21-10  
The Honorable Jeff Walker, Presiding Judge, Eighth Administrative Judicial Region