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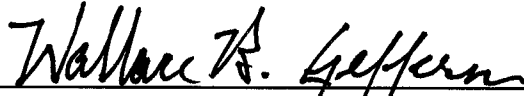
Misc. Docket No. 05- **9018**

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES
OF THE FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS OF DALLAS COUNTY

ORDERED that:

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3, the following Local Rules of the Family District Courts of Dallas County are approved.

In Chambers, this 14th day of January, 2005.

Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

Harriet O'Neill, Justice

J. Dale Wainwright, Justice

Scott Brister, Justice

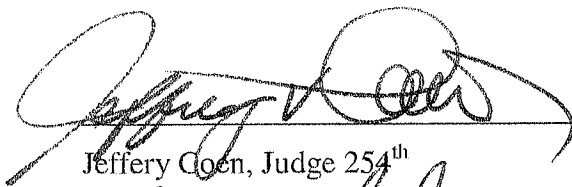David M. Medina, Justice

Paul W. Green, Justice

RULE 15. - APPLICATION FOR AND REFUSAL OF IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

15.01   As provided in Section 15.03, all temporary and final orders (judgements) that provide for child support to be paid through the State Disbursement Unit, excluding modifications of orders prior to the effective date of this rule, shall be deemed to include an application for IV-D child support services provided by Dallas County and the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, pursuant to Chapter 231 of the Texas Family Code.
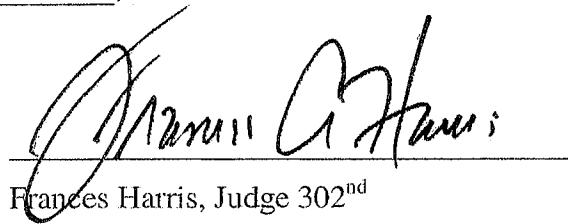
15.02   Unless required to accept IV-D child support services pursuant to other laws, a child support obligee entitled to receive services pursuant to this rule may decline services by filing a written Refusal of Child Support Services with the Dallas County Child Support Office.   Refusal of IV-D child support services pursuant to this rule does not preclude a subsequent written application for IV-D services, however, it does preclude an obligee from re-entering this "Local Rule" program.

15.03   A Dallas County Family District Court may implement this rule by written notice to the Presiding Family Judge, District Clerk, Child Support Office and the IV-D Agency. The rule is effective in that Court on the tenth (10th) day following written notice and applies only to temporary and final orders signed after that date.
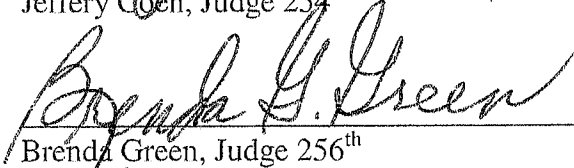

Approved by the Texas Supreme Court _____.

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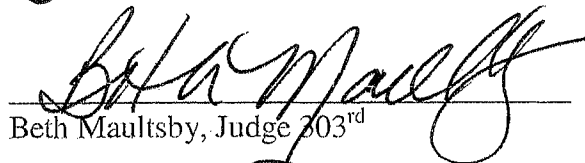Jeffery Coen, Judge 254th Frances Harris, Judge 302nd
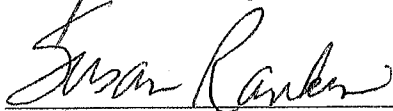
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October 20, 2004

Hon John Ovard
Judge, First Administrative Judicial Region
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Re: Local Rule Certificate to Supreme Court

Dear Judge:

Please find enclosed a copy of the local rule which we wish to submit to the Supreme Court for their approval. This local rule is required to implement our new child support collection for non-OAG cases. We request that you review it for any conflicts with your standing orders. If there are no conflicts please certify such to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court Rules Attorney is Lisa Hobbs, Esq., Supreme Court of Texas, P.O. Box 12248, Austin, TX 78711-2248.

If you need any other information, please contact me. Thanking you in advance I remain,

Sincerely,

JEFFREY V. COEN

JVC/nds
enc:

cc: Hon. Frances Harris (w/enc)
    Lisa Hobbs, Esq. (w/enc)

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Re: Proposed Local Rule 15 - Application for and Refusal of
     IV-D Child Support Services.

Dear Lisa,

     The proposed rule does not conflict with any of The First
Administrative Judicial Region's Rules or Orders.

     I certify to this finding. If you need anything further,
please contact me any time.

                              Respectfully submitted,

                              John Ovard