

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 96-9204

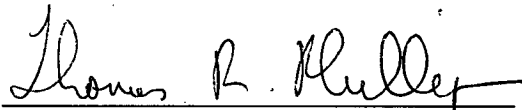
**APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES REGARDING
CHILDREN'S INTEREST SEMINAR FOR THE
51ST, 119TH, AND 340TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS,
TOM GREEN COUNTY, TEXAS**


ORDERED:


Pursuant to Rule 3a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Supreme Court approves the adoption of the Local Rule Regarding Children's Interest Seminar for the 51st, 119th, and 340th Judicial District Courts, Tom Green County, Texas, which is attached hereto.

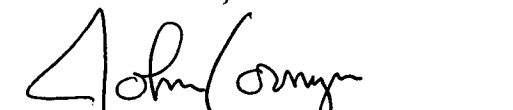
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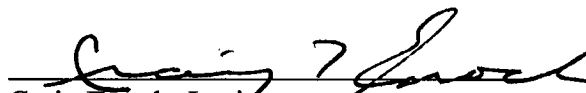
SIGNED AND ENTERED this 13th day of September, 1996



Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice



Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

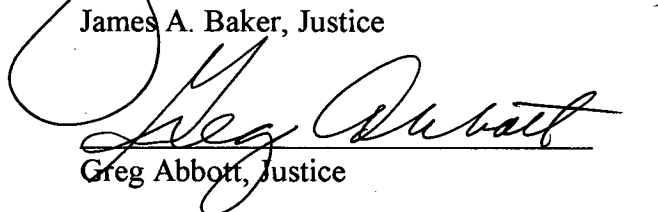

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Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


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Greg Abbott, Justice

IN THE 51ST, 119TH, AND 340TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS
TOM GREEN COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS

LOCAL RULE RE: CHILDREN'S INTEREST SEMINAR

This local rule is promulgated, subject to the approval of the Supreme Court of Texas.

- Section 1. This rule applies to all parties in all suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed in the 51st, 119th, and 340th Judicial District Courts on or after the 45th day after this rule is approved by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- Section 2. The 51st, 119th, and 340th Judicial District Courts may require such parties to successfully complete a seminar that addresses the issues confronting children that are the subject of divorce, custody, and child support litigation. Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes describes the seminar. Each party is responsible for payment of the appropriate fee.
- Section 3. The seminar shall be successfully completed within sixty (60) days of the date of service of the Original Petition upon the Respondent or, if service is waived, then within sixty (60) days of the date of filing of the waiver of citation.
- Section 4. Upon a party's failure to successfully complete the seminar pursuant to this rule, the Court may take appropriate action, including contempt, striking of any pleading, or any of the sanctions listed in Rule 215 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.
- Section 5. For good cause shown, the Court may waive the requirement of completion of the seminar.

SIGNED this _____ day of JUN - 7 1996, 19____.



BARBARA L. WALTHER
51st Judicial District Court



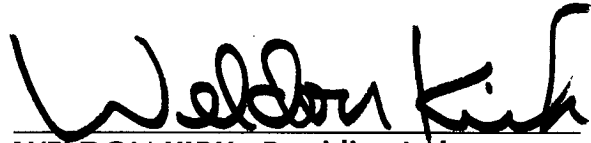
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340th Judicial District Court

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APPROVED by the Presiding Judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region on the 10th day of JUNE, 19 96


WELDON KIRK, Presiding Judge
Seventh Administrative Judicial Region

APPROVED by the Supreme Court of Texas on the 13th day of September, 19 96.



JOHN T. ADAMS, Clerk
Supreme Court of Texas

EXHIBIT "A"

Children's Interest Seminar

The seminar shall focus upon fostering emotional health for children during periods of stress brought about by divorce and conflict between divorced parents.

The seminar administrator shall be designated by the Court. The Court has currently designated the Local Parents Assisting Children's Education (PACE) program to be the seminar administrator.

The course content shall generally consist of the following:

- a. the developmental stages of childhood;
- b. the needs of children at different ages;
- c. stress indicators in children;
- d. age appropriate expectations of children;
- e. divorce as a growth stage;
- f. the grief process;
- g. reducing stress for children going through a divorce;
- h. changing parental and marital roles;
- i. visitation recommendations to enhance the child's relationship with both parents;
- j. financial obligations of child rearing; and
- k. conflict management and dispute resolution.

Each seminar shall be a minimum of two hours and a maximum of four hours. The seminar may include the showing of videos, such as *"Don't Forget The Children"* and *"Children In The Middle"*.

The seminar shall be presented at such times and places as scheduled and announced by the seminar administrator.

A fee of not more than \$30.00, unless waived by the Court, may be charged by the seminar administrator to be used to cover costs.

Each person completing the seminar and paying the appropriate fee shall receive a certificate to be filed with the Court.

The Court may require a certified peace officer to be in attendance at each seminar to provide security.



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September 13, 1996

Hon. Barbara L. Walther
51st District Court
112 West Beauregard
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Dear Judge Walther,

Please find enclosed, a copy of the order of the Supreme Court that approved local rules for the 51st, 119th and 340th District Courts.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

Encl.

cc: Hon. Weldon Kirk
7th Admin Judicial Rgn

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