

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 20-9118

ORDER APPROVING PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY FORM

ORDERED that:

1. Senate Bill 325, enacted by the 86th Legislature, requires the Office of Court Administration (“OCA”) to create an online registry for family violence protective orders and applications. Court clerks are to enter the documents and information into the registry, and specified officials have full access to the registry’s contents. Upon a protected person’s request and OCA approval, the public has access to more limited information. The bill requires the Court to prescribe a form for use by a protected person to request or remove public access to that more limited information. Act of May 1, 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., ch. 16 (SB 325).

2. The following form is approved for use by a protected person, and the use of the approved form is required.

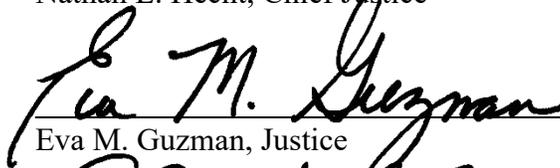
3. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:

- a. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;
- b. cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*; and
- c. send a copy of this Order to each elected member of the Legislature; and
- d. submit a copy of the Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

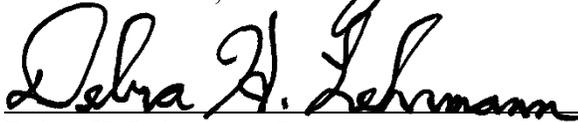
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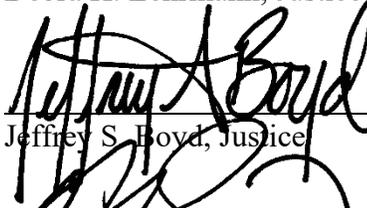
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



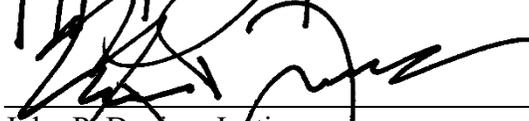
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



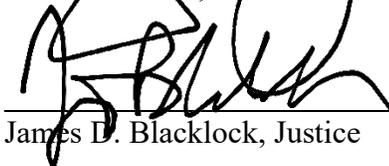
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John F. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice

Cause Number: _____

Applicant/Petitioner: _____

In the _____ Court

v.

of

Respondent: _____

_____ County, Texas

(Fill in the above blanks. Look at the Protective Order or contact the court for the above information.)

CONSENT TO PUBLISH OR REMOVE INFORMATION FROM PROTECTIVE ORDER REGISTRY PUBLIC VIEW

A "Protected Person" is a person who is protected from family violence by a final protective order issued by the court under Chapter 85 of the Texas Family Code.

As a Protected Person, you have the right under Chapter 72 of the Texas Government Code to request public access to certain information about your order on the Office of Court Administration's Protective Order Registry website.

If you request it, only the following information will be viewable by the public on the Registry website:

- the name of the court that issued the protective order;
- the case number (sometimes called the "cause number");
- the full name, county of residence, birth year, and race or ethnicity of the person you are protected from by the protective order (sometimes called the "Respondent"); and
- the dates the protective order was issued, served, expired (or will expire), and vacated, if applicable.

If you have previously requested that the public see the above information on the Registry website, you may later request removal of that information from the Registry website's public view. (NOTE: If more than one Protected Person has requested that the information be publicly viewable, then all those Protected Persons need to request removal for the information to be removed).

If you would like to request that the public see the above information on the Registry website, or if you have previously requested that the public see the above information and would now like to remove it from the Registry website, you need to: (1) fill in the blanks on this form; (2) sign and date this form; AND (3) file (turn in) this form with the court.

NOTE: You may file this form in person, by mail, or by using the eFile system. If using eFile, and you do NOT want other parties to be notified of this request, you MUST uncheck the other party on the Service Contacts screen.

_____ (Write the Protected Person's full name) is a Protected Person who is protected from family violence by a final protective order issued on _____ (Write the date of the Protective Order) in the cause number listed above. Respondent's full name is _____.

As a Protected Person or the parent/guardian of a Protected Person*, I _____ (Write your full name) request the information listed above be: (Check one of the following boxes)

Made available for viewing by the public on the Protective Order Registry website.

OR

Removed from public view on the Protective Order Registry website.

I declare, **under penalty of perjury**, that I am a Protected Person or the parent/guardian* of a Protected Person in the cause number listed above. (Before signing this form, make sure all the statements are true. Declaring under penalty of perjury means you can be prosecuted, go to jail, or pay a fine if any of the statements are not true.)

Protected Party/Guardian* Signature
*Must not be Respondent listed in the case

Date