

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 95- 9223

**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL RULES
FOR THE 326TH DISTRICT COURT
TAYLOR COUNTY, TEXAS**

ORDERED:

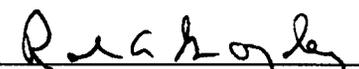
Pursuant to Rule 3a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Supreme Court approves the following local rules, which have been submitted to this Court:

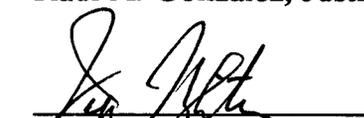
Local Rules for the 326th District Court of Taylor County, Texas; Rule 4.19 - Children's Interest Seminar.

The approval of these rules is temporary, pending further orders of the Court.

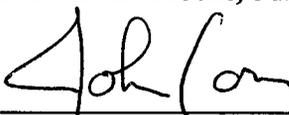
SIGNED AND ENTERED this 12th day of October, 1995


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

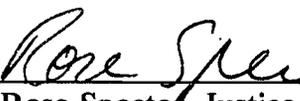

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IN THE 326TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
TAYLOR COUNTY, STATE OF TEXAS

Local rule 4.19 is amended subject to the approval of the Supreme Court of Texas to read as follows:

Rule 4.19 Children's Interest Seminar

- (a) This rule applies to all parties in all suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed in the 326th Judicial District Court, effective upon approval by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (b) The 326th Judicial District Court 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 litigations. Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes describes the seminar. Each party is responsible for payment of the appropriate fee.
- (c) The seminar shall be successfully completed within 60 days of the service of the original petition upon the respondent, or if service is waived, then within 60 days of waiver of citation.
- (d) 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.
- (e) For good cause shown, the Court may waive the requirement of completion of the seminar.

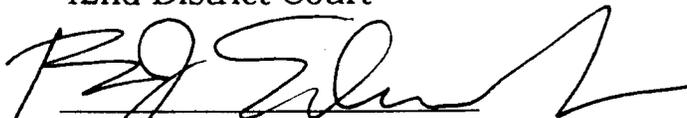
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Judge John Weeks
42nd District Court



Judge Jess Holloway
350th District Court



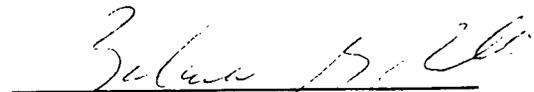
Judge Billy John Edwards
104th District Court



Judge Aleta Hacker
326th District Court



Judge Jack Grant
County Court at Law #1



Judge Barbara Rollins
County Court at Law #2

Approved by the Presiding Judge of the ~~First~~ ^{SEVENTH} Administrative Region on the ~~30th~~ day of August, 1995.


Presiding Judge, Seventh
Administrative Judicial Region

Approved by the Supreme Court of Texas on the 12th day of October, 1995.

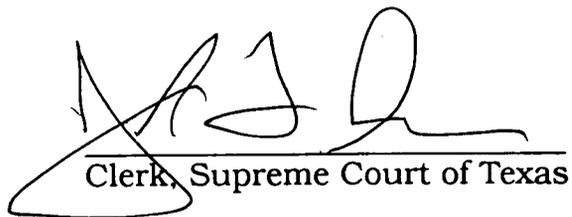

Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas

Exhibit "A"

The seminar shall focus on 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 Family Outreach of Abilene/Taylor County, Inc., to be the seminar administrator.

The course content shall generally consist of the following:

- (1) the development stages of childhood
- (2) the needs of children at different ages
- (3) stress indicators in children
- (4) age appropriate expectations of children
- (5) divorce as a growth stage
- (6) the grief process
- (7) reducing stress for children going through a divorce
- (8) the changing parental and marital roles
- (9) visitation recommendations to enhance the child's relationship with both parents
- (10) financial obligation's of child rearing
- (11) 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 appropriate videos.

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

A reasonable fee approved by the Court, 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 file 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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October 13, 1995

Hon. Anita Hacker
326th District Court
County Courthouse
Abilene, Texas 79602

Dear Judge Hacker,

Please find enclosed, a copy of the order of the Supreme Court that approved local rules for your Court.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

Encl.

cc: Hon. Weldon Kirk
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