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IN THE INTEREST OF

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

257TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CHILDREN

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER DECLARING TARA MARIE THOMAS A VEXATIOUS LITIGANT

On July 15, 2026, the Court held a hearing concerning *Respondent's Motion to Declare Petitioner a Vexatious Litigant*. The Court has considered the motion, the testimony and exhibits admitted at the hearing, and the argument of counsel and Petitioner.

1. *Appearances*

Respondent, **STEVEN ANTHONY THOMAS**, appeared in person and through attorney of record, Bobby K. Newman and Jeff Seely, respectively.

Petitioner, **TARA MARIE THOMAS**, appeared in person, pro se.

2. *Jurisdiction*

The Court, after examining the record and the evidence and argument of counsel, finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this case.

FINDINGS

The Court finds that Petitioner, **TARA MARIE THOMAS**, is a vexatious litigant under Chapter 11 of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code. In support, the Court makes the following findings.

A. *No Reasonable Probability of Success.*

There is not a reasonable probability that Petitioner will prevail in this litigation against Respondent.

B. Five or More Pro Se Litigations Finally Determined Adversely.

In the seven-year period immediately preceding the filing of the Motion, Petitioner, acting pro se, commenced, prosecuted, or maintained at least the following litigations, other than in a small claims court, each finally determined adversely to her:

1. *In re Tara Thomas*, No. 01-25-00743-CV (Tex. App.-Houston [1st Dist.]) (petition for writ of mandamus denied);
2. *In re TARA MARIE THOMAS*, No. 01-25-01008-CV (Tex. App.-Houston [1st Dist.]) (petition for writ of mandamus denied);
3. *In re TARA MARIE THOMAS*, No. 01-26-00048-CV (Tex. App.-Houston [1st Dist.]) (petition for writ of mandamus denied);
4. *Thomas v. Placke*, No. 01-23-00191-CV (Tex. App.-Houston [1st Dist.]) (appeal dismissed);
5. *Thomas v. Placke*, No. 493-56898-2023 (493rd Dist. Ct., Collin County, Tex.) (application for protective order denied and case closed);
6. *Thomas v. Placke*, No. 2024-31073 (312th Dist. Ct., Harris County, Tex.) (bill of review dismissed for want of prosecution);
7. *Thomas v. Thomas*, No. 2025-95268 (215th Dist. Ct., Harris County, Tex.) (bill of review dismissed); and
8. *In the Interest of B.C.T & L.K.T*, No. 2016-88084 (257th Dist. Ct., Harris County, Tex.) (relief sought by Petitioners counterpetition denied following trial).
9. *In re TARA MARIE THOMAS*, No. 01-26-00689-CV (Tex. App.-Houston [1st Dist.]) (petition for writ of mandamus denied);

These litigations satisfy the requirements of Section 11.054(l)(A).

SECURITY

The Court ORDERS Petitioner **TARA MARIE THOMAS** to furnish security for the benefit of Respondent, **STEVEN ANTHONY THOMAS**, for the reasonable expenses, including costs and attorney's fees, incurred in or in connection with this litigation, in the sum of \$50,000.00 to be deposited by cashier's check or money order into the registry of the Court on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 2026. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 11.055.

The Court STAYS this litigation until Petitioner deposits the security into the registry of the Court within the time prescribed. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §§ 11.052, 11.056.

If Petitioner deposits the security as ordered and this litigation is thereafter dismissed or otherwise determined in favor of Respondent, the Court ORDERS the security released to Respondent within ten (10) days after the Court signs the order of dismissal or judgment. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 11.057.

PREFILING ORDER

Pursuant to Section 11.101, the Court ORDERS that Petitioner **TARA MARIE THOMAS** is prohibited from filing, pro se, new litigation in a court to which this order applies without first obtaining the permission of the appropriate local administrative judge.

It is ORDERED that Petitioner shall provide a copy of any request for permission to file litigation to the appropriate local administrative judge and to all Respondent named in the proposed litigation within twenty-four (24) hours of the request.

THE COURT WARNS PETITIONER **TARA MARIE THOMAS** THAT A PERSON WHO DISOBEYS A PREFILING ORDER ENTERED UNDER CHAPTER 11 IS SUBJECT TO CONTEMPT OF COURT.

The Court ORDERS the Clerk of this Court not to file any litigation, original proceeding, appeal, or other claim presented, pro se, by Petitioner **TARA MARIE THOMAS** unless Petitioner first obtains an order from the appropriate local administrative judge as required by this prefiling order. If the Clerk mistakenly files litigation presented pro se by Petitioner in violation of this order, the Clerk shall, not later than the next business day after receiving notice of the mistaken filing, notify the Court that the litigation was mistakenly filed.

The Clerk of this Court is ORDERED, not later than the 30th day after the date this prefiling order is signed, to provide the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System a copy of this prefiling order. Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code§ 11.104.

RELIEF NOT GRANTED

IT IS ORDERED that all other relief requested and not expressly granted in this Order is DENIED.

SIGNED on _____.

Signed:
7/18/2026
10:31 AM



JUDGE PRESIDING



I, Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk of Harris County, Texas certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original record filed and or recorded in my office, electronically or hard copy, as it appears on this date.

Witness my official hand and seal of office this July 20, 2026

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Marilyn Burgess, DISTRICT CLERK
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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