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IN THE INTEREST OF	§	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
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L.A.M. AND L.R.M.,	§	**47TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
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CHILDREN	§	**ARMSTRONG COUNTY, TEXAS**

ORDER DECLARING COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS A VEXATIOUS LITIGANT, ORDERING SECURITY, STAYING PROCEEDINGS, AND IMPOSING A PREFILING ORDER

The Court considered Chad LaStewart Marchbanks's Motion to Declare Courtney Brook Marchbanks a Vexatious Litigant. The motion was noticed and served. The Court conducted a hearing on September 25, 2026 and September 29, 2026. Courtney Brook Marchbanks received notice and an opportunity to respond, present evidence, and be heard.

The Court considered the motion, any response, admitted evidence, relevant court records, prior orders and judgments, the parties' arguments, and applicable law under Chapter 11 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. The Court now makes the following findings and orders.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. The Court finds that CHAD LASTEWART MARCHBANKS timely filed his Motion to Declare COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS a vexatious litigant.

II. FINDINGS

1. The Court finds COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS is a vexatious litigant.

2. The Court finds that there is no reasonable probability that COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS will prevail in the litigation against CHAD LASTEWART MARCHBANKS.

3. The Court finds that a prior litigation has been finally determined against COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS, and COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS has repeatedly relitigated or attempted to relitigate, pro se, both the following:

   (A) the validity of the determination against the same defendant as to whom the litigation was finally determined; and

(B) the cause of action, claim, controversy, or any of the issues of fact or law determined or concluded by the final determination against COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS as to whom the litigation was finally determined;

4. The Court finds that COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS satisfies section 11.054(2) because prior litigation between these same parties was finally determined against her, with a finding of frivolity, and she is now, while acting pro se, attempting to relitigate the same essential issues of fact and law against CHAD LASTEWART MARCHBANKS.

III. PREFILING ORDER

1. Pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code sections 11.101 through 11.104, COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS, only when acting pro se or in propria persona, must obtain permission from the appropriate local administrative judge before filing new litigation against Chad LaStewart Marchbanks related to the children subject of this suit.

2. This prefiling order applies only to litigation COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS files in propria persona and does not restrict filings made through licensed counsel.

3. COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS may apply to the appropriate local administrative judge for permission to file covered litigation, and the local administrative judge may permit the filing upon the determination required by Chapter 11.

4. The clerk shall follow Chapter 11 and the procedures of the appropriate local administrative judge in processing filings subject to this prefiling order.

IV. SECURITY

1. Because the Court has found COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS is a vexatious litigant under Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code section 11.054, the Court ORDERES the following:

   a. COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS current pending modification is hereby dismissed with prejudice;

   b. COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS is PROHIBITED from filing any new litigation in Texas as a pro se party without first obtaining permission to sue from a local administrative judge.

   c. If COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS requests permission from the Administrative Judge for the filing of a pleading, and the Administrative Judge grants permission to file that pleading, then

Administrative Judge grants permission to file that pleading, then COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS is ORDERED to post a bond with the Court to be deposited into the registry of the Court. COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS is then ORDERED to deposit the sum of $125,000.00 into the registry of this Court to be held until finalization of any litigation.

d. IT IS ORDERED that any new approved case shall be abated for a period of ten days after filing or until the bond of $125,000.00 is deposited into the registry of the Court, whichever occurs first.

e. If COURTNEY BROOK MARCHBANKS fails to deposit the sum of $125,00.000 into the registry of the Court within ten days of any approved filing of any suit, then that suit shall be dismissed.

V. NOTICE AND SERVICE

1. The clerk shall serve a copy of this Order on Courtney Brook Marchbanks and Chad LaStewart Marchbanks in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. The clerk shall provide a copy of this Order to the appropriate local administrative judge and to each court official required under Chapter 11 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

3. The Court retains jurisdiction to enforce, clarify, modify, or terminate this Order as permitted by Texas law.

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2026

JUDGE PRESIDING

RON ENNS
BY ASSIGNMENT

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