

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 00- 9047

ORDER APPROVING PROCEDURES FOR CASES UNDER FAMILY CODE CHAPTER 33 IN THE COUNTY COURTS AT LAW, TRAVIS COUNTY

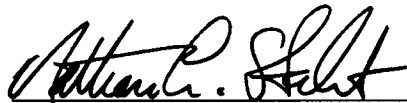
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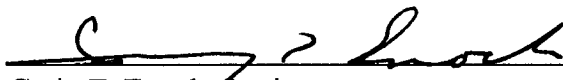
1. Pursuant to Rule 3a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the following local rules for the County Courts at Law of Travis County, Texas, the "Administrative Order for Cases Filed Under Chapter 33 of the Texas Family Code," are approved.


2. In view of the urgency that procedures be adopted for handling applications under Chapter 33, Family Code, the requirement of Rule 3a(4) is suspended, and these rules may take effect immediately.


BY THE COURT, IN CHAMBERS this 4th day of April, 2000.

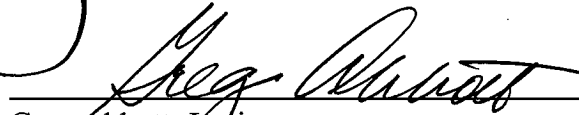

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

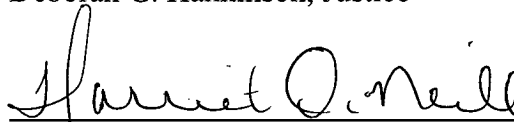

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THE COUNTY COURTS AT LAW
OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER FOR CASES FILED UNDER
CHAPTER 33 OF THE TEXAS FAMILY CODE

The County Courts at Law of Travis County make this administrative order to implement Texas Family Code, Chapter 33, and the Texas Supreme Court's Parental Notification Rules. This order is a pilot program. The County Courts at Law will review the program in twelve (12) months.

1. The Civil Division of the County Clerk shall accept and file all petitions presented for filing in the County Courts of Law under Chapter 33 of the Texas Family Code. The Clerk shall handle them in a manner that maintains confidentiality and anonymity as required by the Code and in accordance with the "Texas Parental Notification Rules and Forms" promulgated by the Supreme Court of Texas, effective January 1, 2000.

2. Assignment: These cases shall be assigned to County Courts at Law Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 by means of a random assignment system. The assignment system will provide that:

- a. Courts shall be selected on a random basis as each case is filed. The Clerk shall not use a numerical rotation system (1,2,3,4 etc).
- b. Once selected, a Court shall not be selected again until petitions have been filed in all other County Courts at Law.
- c. If the Judge of the Court in which the petition is filed is unavailable to hear the case within the time limits imposed by the law, then that Court shall be passed and remain subject to selection again, and a different Court shall be selected.

3. Appointment: The County Courts at Law hereby appoint the following standing panel for attorneys/guardians ad litem in parental notification proceedings.

- a. Leslie Hume, Coordinator
- b. Heidi Block, Associate Coordinator
- c. Jim Arth
- d. Deborah Green
- e. Stephanie Ledesma


- f. Barbara Molina
- g. Gail Nocholson
- h. Mark W. Sims
- i. Richard Thormann

4. Standing panel: Whenever a minor without a lawyer contacts the county clerk or any county court at law, the clerk or the court shall refer the minor to the coordinator of the standing panel. When requested to do so by the minor, the panel's coordinator shall ask an attorney from the panel to assist the minor in processing the minor's application. The standing panel may accept appointments from the district courts and the probate court.

5. Scheduling the Hearing: The minor's attorney may obtain a time for the hearing from the judicial aide of the assigned Court.

6. After filing the petition, the clerk shall deliver the cover and verification page to the judge of the court in which the petition was filed instanter.


Signed this 3rd day of March, 2000.




JUDGE DAVID PHILLIPS
County Court at Law # 1




JUDGE GISELA TRIANA
County Court at Law #5



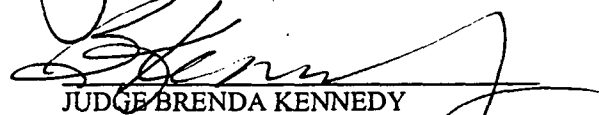
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COUNTY COURT at Law #2




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County Court at Law #6



JUDGE DAVID CRAIN
County Court at Law #3



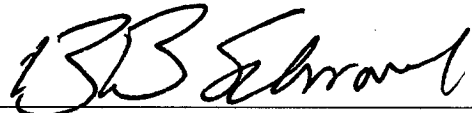
JUDGE BRENDA KENNEDY
County Court at Law #7



JUDGE MIKE DENTON
County Court at Law #4

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

The attached Administrative Order for Cases Filed under Chapter 33 of the Texas Family Code of the County Courts at Law of Travis County are hereby approved and transmitted to the Supreme Court of Texas for final action this 9th day of March, 2000.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B.B. Schraub", written over a horizontal line.

B.B. Schraub, Presiding Judge
Third Administrative Judicial Region



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April 4, 2000

Hon. B. B. Schraub
3rd Admin. Judicial Rgn.
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Seguin, Texas 78155-5779

Dear Judge Schraub,

Please find enclosed, a copy of the order of the Supreme Court that approved local rules for the county courts at law of Travis County.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

Encl.

cc: Hon. David Phillips
Hon. Orlinda Naranjo
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