

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

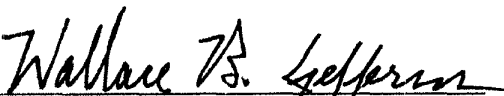
Misc. Docket No. 07- 9023

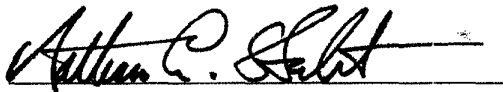
APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULE FOR THE FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS  
OF TARRANT COUNTY REGARDING TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

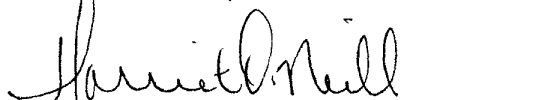
**ORDERED** that:

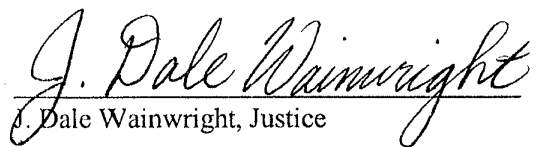
Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3a, the following Local Rule for the Family District Courts of Tarrant County Regarding Title IV-D Child Support Services is approved.

In Chambers, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

  
Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

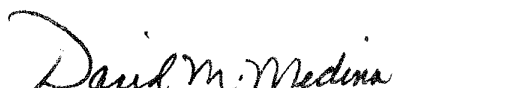
  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


  
Harriet O'Neill, Justice


  
J. Dale Wainwright, Justice

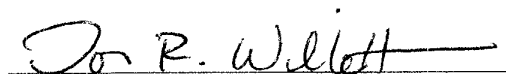
---

Scott Brister, Justice

  
David M. Medina, Justice

  
Paul W. Green, Justice

  
Phil Johnson, Justice

  
Don R. Willett, Justice

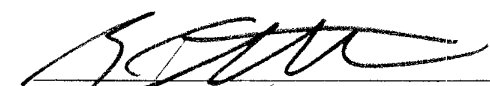
Posted 2/7/07


ORDER FOR APPLICATION FOR AND REFUSAL OF  
TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES


On this date the undersigned, the Family District Judges of Tarrant County, Texas, having determined that it is in the best interest of the children of Tarrant County in each final divorce decree that orders child support and is signed on or after October 16, 2000 by the presiding judge of a Tarrant County Family District Court and in each final paternity decree not based on an action initiated by a Title IV-D agency that orders child support and is signed by the presiding judge of a Tarrant County Family District Court after the effective date of the Local Rule that results from this order, find that the obligee in any such divorce decree or paternity order shall be deemed to have made an application for Title IV-D Child Support Services and that it is necessary to adopt local rules for the procedure.

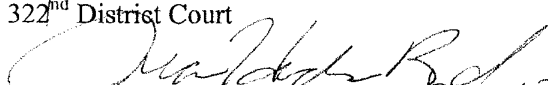
It is therefore ORDERED that the Proposed Local Rule for Tarrant County attached hereto and made a part of this order for all purposes is hereby adopted and shall include by reference the Local Rules of the District Courts of Tarrant County and shall pertain to all Title IV-D Child Support Services provided pursuant to said Local Rule.

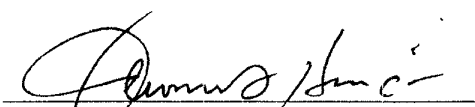
Signed this 18th day of December, 2006.

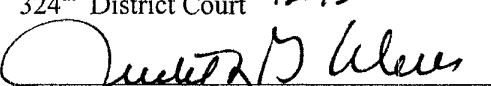
  
Randy Catterton, Judge 12-15-06  
231<sup>st</sup> District Court

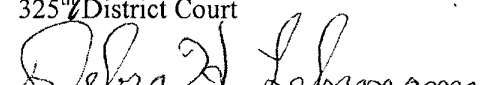
  
William Harris, Judge 12/15/06  
233<sup>rd</sup> District Court

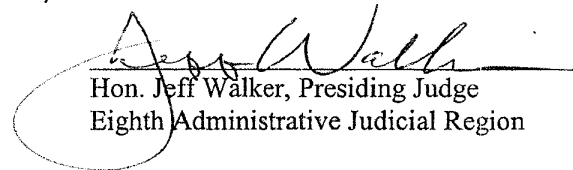
  
Frank Sullivan, Judge 12/15/06  
322<sup>nd</sup> District Court

  
Jean Boyd, Judge 12-18-06  
323<sup>rd</sup> District Court

  
Jerome S. Hennigan, Judge  
324<sup>th</sup> District Court 12-15-06

  
Judith Wells, Judge 12-15-06  
325<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
Debra Lehrmann, Judge 12-18-06  
360<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
Hon. Jeff Walker, Presiding Judge  
Eighth Administrative Judicial Region

## **PROPOSED LOCAL RULE FOR TARRANT COUNTY**

### Application for and Refusal of Title IV-D Child Support Services by the Domestic Relations Office

- a. Each final divorce decree that includes an order to pay child support and is signed on or after October 16, 2000 by the presiding judge or associate judge of a Tarrant County Family District Court and each final paternity decree not obtained by a Title IV-D agency that includes an order to pay child support and is signed by the presiding judge or associate judge of a Tarrant County Family District Court after the effective date of this local rule shall be deemed to include an application for Title IV-D child support services provided through the Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office and Office of the Texas Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 231 of the Texas Family Code.
- b. Unless required to accept such services pursuant to other laws, a recipient or obligee of child support entitled to receive Title IV-D child support services pursuant to this local rule may decline such services by filing a written Refusal of Child Support Services.
- c. Refusal of Title IV-D child support services pursuant to this local rule does not preclude that person from making a subsequent written application to the Office of the Texas Attorney General for Title IV-D child support services.
- d. The provisions of this local rule supercede in its entirety the Local Rule Regarding Application for and Refusal of Title IV-D Child Support Services, Tarrant County Family District Courts, Misc. Docket No. 00-9063, signed by the Supreme Court of Texas on April 12, 2000.