

# Child Visitation & Possession Orders Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources for visitation and possession orders in Texas. Besides the standard visitation, other types of possession include modified, supervised, and possession orders when the child is under 3 years of age. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

## Statutes & Codes

Texas Constitution and Statutes (online):

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/>

- Texas Family Code – Ch. 153

## Secondary Resources in Print

### **Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure KFT 1294 .F35**

- Ch. 44 Grandparent and Other Nonparents
- Ch. 45 Military Duty of Conservator
- Ch. 56 Miscellaneous SAPCR and Other Child-Related Forms

### **Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294 .T4S7**

- Practice Notes – Possessory Conservatorship, general, 23.13, 40.12; grandparents, 44.5; holidays, 40.13; nonparents, 44.5; policy, 23.17; third parties, 44.5.
- Forms – See Chapters 3, 23, 26, 34, 44, 45, 56, 61

### **O'Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook KFT 1294 .A291 O26**

- Form 6E:5 Standard possession order
- Form 6E:6 Possession order for child under age three
- Form 6E:7 Modified Standard Possession Order (modified holidays)
- Form 6E:8 Modified Standard Possession Order (granting access only)
- Form 6E:9 Modified Standard Possession Order (supervised visitation & exchange)
- Form 6E:10 Modified Standard Possession Order (varying levels of possession)

### **O'Connor's Texas Family Law Forms KFT 1294 .A65 W55**

- Possession Order
  - Access only, Form 6E:8
  - Child under three, Form 6E:6
  - Modified holiday, Form 6E:7
  - Standard possession order, Form 6E:5
  - Supervised visitation & exchange, Form 6E:9
  - Varying levels of possession, Form 6E:10

### **O'Connor's Texas Family Code Plus KFT 1294 .O3B4**

- Standard Possession Order – FAM § 153.3101-153.317, pp. 521-526
- 50 miles or less - FAM § 153.3171
- Less than 100 miles – FAM § 153.312
- Over 100 miles – FAM § 153.313
- Deviating from – FAM § 153.007, 153.072, 153.193, 153.253-153.258, 153.317
- *See also: Conservatorship, Possession, and Access in Index*

### **Sampson, Tindall & England's Texas Family Code Annotated KFT 1294 .A3**

- Possession and Access to Child § 153.251 *et seq*

### Fast Guide to Family Law: Checklist for Everyday Practice KFT 1294 .A25 S83

- Possession Order, p. 228-236

### West's Texas Statutes and Codes: Texas Family Code KFT 1294 .A29

- Possession, FAM 153.001 et seq.

## CLE Materials

### Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294.S83

- 2021 Ch. 3: Legislative Update 2021: Family Law
- 2021 Ch. 6: Child Support: Beyond the Basics
- 2021 Ch. 11: Understanding the Amicus Statute and Making it Work for Your Case
- 2021 Ch. 12: Standing
- 2021 Ch. 13: Protective Orders
- 2021 Ch. 14: Jurisdictional Challenges and Responses in Divorce and SAPCR Cases
- 2021 Ch. 34-43 SAPCR Track
- 2020 Ch. 38: Controlling the Controlling Parent
- 2020 Ch. 40: Effective Advocacy in Relocation Cases
- 2020 Ch. 45: The Family First Act
- 2019 Ch. 24: Creative Possession Schedules
- 2015 Ch. 27: Unique Possession Schedules
- 2014 Ch. 35: Unusual Possession Orders
- 2013 Ch. 57: Unusual Possession Orders
- 2012 Ch. 15: Creative Possession Schedules
- 2011 Ch. 25: Possession and Access for Children under
- 2008 Ch. 27: Thinking Outside the Family Code: Unusual Visitation, Child Support, and Custody
- 2007 Ch. 34: Possession Orders, Including Special Circumstances
- 2005 Ch. 31: When the Texas SPO Won't Work: Square Pegs in Round Holes **\*examples are in order language "the court finds" and "the court orders"**
- 2004 Ch. 49.3 Unusual Clauses – Drafting Modules: children issues section B & Appendix O to T

- 2002 Ch. 15: Negotiating and Trying Creative Visitation and Access Schedules Including Pilots, Firemen, Shift Work

### Advanced Family Drafting KFT 1294 .A92

- 2013 Ch. 17: Unusual Possession Schedules
- 1999 Ch. P: Possession and Access Provisions You Won't Find in the Form Book
- 1995 Ch. J: Drafting for Unique Visitation
- 1992 Ch. H: Kiddie Clauses – Special Visitation Problems

### Marriage Dissolution 101 KFT 1300 .M3732

- 2018 Ch. 7: Non-Parent Standing

## Online Resources

### Texas Law Help

Child Visitation and Possession Orders:  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/child-visitation-possession-orders>

## Legal Assistance

### Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)