

Grandparents and other Non-Parents Research Guide

Overview

This guide provides information regarding grandparent and non-parent visitation and custody. The state of Texas allows grandparents and other non-parents' rights to visitation and custody in specific circumstances. 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 and Codes

Texas Statutes Online:

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

Family Code Ch. 34 Authorization Agreement for Nonparent Adult Caregiver

Family Code Ch. 153 Conservatorship, Possession, and Access

- §153. 433 Possession of or Access to Grandchild
<https://codes.findlaw.com/tx/family-code/fam-sect-153-433.html>
- §153. 371 Rights and Duties of Nonparent Appointed as Sole Managing Conservator
<https://codes.findlaw.com/tx/family-code/fam-sect-153-371.html>

Secondary Resources in Print

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

- Grandparent Access: Petition, Form 9B:1; Affidavit, Form 9B:2; Order, Form 9B:3

O' Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook KFT 1294.T4A291 O26

- Suit for Grandparent Possession or Access
(*See Index*)
- Authorization Agreement for Adult Caregiver
(*See Index*)

Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294.T4S7

- Vol. 3, Ch. 44 Grandparents and Other Nonparents

Family Law at Your Fingertips: Children KFT 1294.S83 C53

- Grandparents and Non-Parents

Texas Family Code Annotated KFT 1294.A3

- Ch. 35 Temporary Authorization of Minor Child, p. 197
- Ch. 153, Subchapter H, Rights of Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle, p.674

Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294.T457

- Grandparents (*see subject index to forms*)
- Possession of and access to child (*see subject index to forms*)

CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law KFT 1294. S83

- 2020 Ch. 18 Only Daddy That'll Walk the Line: Standing – Who Gets a Seat at the Table?
- 2018 Ch. 36 Nonparent Standing

Marriage Dissolution Institute KFT 1300.M372

- 2014 Ch. 15 Grandparent, Stepparent, Same Sex Partner, and Third Party Standing and Access Issues

Online Resources

Child Visitation by Non-Parents

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/child-visitation-by-nonparents-0>

Texas State Law Library: Grandparents' Rights

<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/grandparents-rights>

Texas Access: FAQ's for Grandparents

<https://txaccess.org/faq>

Texas Law Help: Grandparents & Other Non-Parent Caregivers

<https://texaslawhelp.org/family-divorce-children/grandparents-other-nonparent-caregivers>

Texas Legal: Grandparent's Rights

<https://texaslegal.org/texaslegal-blog/legal-rights-grandparent-texas>

FindLaw: Grandparent's Visitation Rights in Texas

<https://www.findlaw.com/state/texas-law/grandparents-visitation-rights-in-texas.html>

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)