

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 00- 9063

**ORDER APPROVING LOCAL RULE REGARDING APPLICATION FOR AND
REFUSAL OF TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES,
TARRANT COUNTY FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS**

ORDERED that:

Pursuant to Rule 3a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the following local rule for the Family District Courts of Tarrant County, Texas, addressing application for and refusal of Title IV-D child support services, is approved. This approval is temporary pending further orders of the Court.

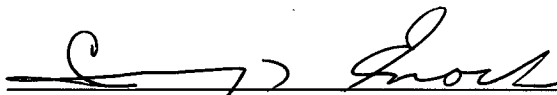
BY THE COURT, IN CHAMBERS, this 12th day of April, 2000.



Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



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PROPOSED LOCAL RULE FOR TARRANT COUNTY

Application for and Refusal of IV-D Child Support Services

- a. Each Divorce Decree which orders child support to be paid through the Tarrant County Child Support Office, the local registry, shall be deemed to include an application for IV-D child support services provided through the Tarrant County Domestic Relations Office and the Office of the Texas Attorney General, pursuant to Section 231 of the Texas Family Code. This rule shall apply to Divorce Decrees entered by Tarrant County District Courts after the effective date of this rule.
- b. Unless required to accept such services pursuant to other laws, an obligee of child support entitled to receive IV-D child support services pursuant to this rule may decline such services by filing a written Refusal of Child Support Services with the District Clerk of Tarrant County, Texas.
- c. Refusal of IV-D Child Support Services pursuant to this rule does not preclude that person from making a subsequent written application for IV-D Child Support Services.

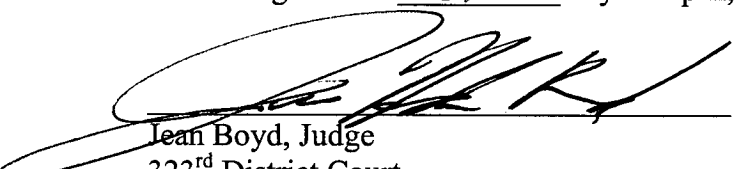
ORDER FOR APPLICATION FOR § IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
AND REFUSAL OF TITLE § OF
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT § TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS


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, having determined that it is in the best interest of the children of Tarrant County that the obligee in each Divorce Decree which orders child support to be paid through the Tarrant County Child Support Office, the local registry, 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.

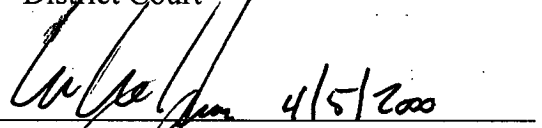
It is therefore ORDERED that the Proposed Local Rule for Tarrant County attached hereto and made a part of this order for all purposes is hereby adopted and shall include by reference the Local Rules of the District Courts of Tarrant County and shall pertain to all Title IV-D Child Support Services provided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

Signed this 6th day of April, 2000.

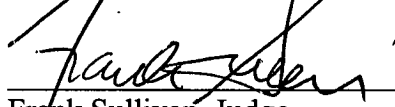

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324th District Court


Randy Catterton, Judge
231st District Court


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325th District Court

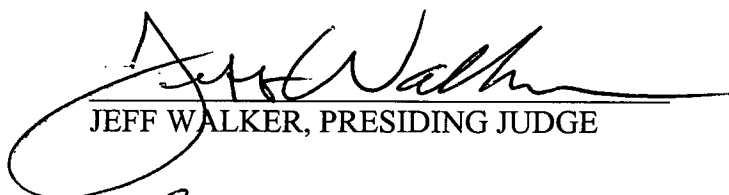
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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

As Presiding Judge of the Eighth Administrative Judicial Region, I hereby approve the enclosed Proposed Local Rule for Tarrant County and forward it to the Texas Supreme Court for its consideration.


JEFF WALKER, PRESIDING JUDGE

April 6, 2000
(Date)



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April 12, 2000

Hon. Jeff Walker
8th Admin. Judicial Rgn.
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Dear Judge Walker,

Please find enclosed, a copy of the order of the Supreme Court that temporarily approved a local rule for the family district courts of Tarrant County.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

Encl.

cc: Hon. Randy Catterton
Hon. William Harris
Hon. Frank Sullivan
Hon. Jean Boyd
Hon. Brian Carper
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