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IN THE 418th DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

STANDING ORDER REGARDING MEDIATION AND TEMPORARY ORDERS
IN THE 418th DISTRICT COURT

All parties are ORDERED to attend mediation prior to any hearing regarding temporary orders. Any attorney or party requesting temporary orders is required to contact the opposing attorney(s) and/or party(ies) to schedule such mediation to take place prior to the hearing date.

All attorneys and parties are required to attend all scheduled mediation sessions for the purpose of engaging in constructive settlement negotiations. Mediation is intended to give parties the opportunity to reach an agreement in a cooperative environment. It places the parties in the position of determining the outcome of the case.

All persons involved with the mediation (including the mediator, the parties and the attorneys) shall be governed by the confidentiality provisions of Rule 408 of the Texas Rules of Evidence and Sections 154.053 and 154.073 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code. TEX. R. EVID. 408 and TEX. CIV. PRAC. & REM. CODE §§ 154.053 and 154.073.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that each attorney shall have the right to participate in the mediation and be present with his or her client(s) at all times, if he or she desires, regardless of whether all parties are represented by an attorney.

If the case has been mediated and an agreement has not been reached, time limits will be imposed upon the temporary orders hearing. In all matters in which the exclusive right to designate the primary residence of a child is at issue, the parties shall be granted no more than **three (3) hours** to present the case, with the time to be equally divided. In all other temporary matters, the parties shall be granted no more than **two (2) hours** to present the case, with the time to be equally divided.

**THIS STANDING ORDER REGARDING MEDIATION AND TEMPORARY ORDERS
IN THE 418th DISTRICT COURT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

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HON. TRACY A. GILBERT
418th Judicial District Court