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 MATTHEW RIEK § 360TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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 § TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

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UPDATED ORDER OF REFERRAL

COMES NOW, the Honorable Patricia Baca Bennett, District Judge of the 360th Judicial District Court of Tarrant County, Texas and signs this ORDER OF REFERRAL granting the Honorable Associate Judge Matthew Riek all the power and authority granted to him under §§201 of the Texas Family Code.

Without limiting such authority granted therein, I grant the Honorable Matthew Riek the following authority:

1. to render and sign any order that is not a final order on the merits of the case;
2. to recommend to the referring court any order after a trial on the merits;
3. to hear and render an order on a suit to modify or clarify an existing child support order;
4. to hear and render an order on a motion to enforce a child support order or revoke a respondent's community supervision and suspension of commitment;
5. to hear and render an order a respondent's compliance with the conditions provided in the associate judge's report for suspension of the respondent's commitment;
6. to hear a motion for postjudgment relief, including a motion for a new trial or to vacate, correct, or reform a judgment rendered by the Associate Judge, if neither party has requested a de novo hearing before the referring court; and/or
7. to hear and render on protective order applications.

Without limiting such authority granted therein, I further grant the Honorable Matthew Riek the following authority:



1. conduct a hearing;
2. hear evidence;
3. compel production of relevant evidence;
4. rule on the admissibility of evidence;
5. issue a summons for the appearance of witnesses; and the appearance of a parent who has failed to appear before an agency authorized to conduct an investigation of an allegation of abuse or neglect of a child after receiving proper notice;
6. examine a witness;
7. swear a witness for a hearing;
8. make findings of fact on evidence;
9. formulate conclusions of law;
10. recommend an order to be rendered in a case;
11. regulate all proceedings in a hearing before the associate judge;
12. order the attachment of a witness or party who fails to obey a subpoena;
13. order the detention of a witness or party found guilty of contempt, pending approval by the referring court as provided by Section 201.013;
14. without prejudice to the right of appeal under Section 201.015, render and sign:
 - (A) a final order agreed to in writing as to both form and substance by all parties;
 - (B) a final default order;
 - (C) a temporary order; or
 - (D) a final order in a case in which a party files an unrevoked waiver made in accordance with Rule 119, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, that waives notice to the party of the final hearing or waives the party's appearance at the final hearing;
15. take action as necessary and proper for the efficient performance of the associate judge's duties; and sign a final order that includes a waiver of the right of appeal pursuant to Section 201.015.

The Honorable Matthew Riek may, in the interest of justice, refer a case back to the referring court regardless of whether a timely objection to the associate judge hearing the trial on



the merits or presiding at a jury trial has been made by any party. This Court reserves the right to continue to hear any cases assigned to the Honorable Judge Rick.

An order described by Subsection (14) that is rendered and signed by an associate judge constitutes an order of the referring court.

An answer filed by or on behalf of a party who previously filed a waiver described in Subsection (a)(14)(D) shall revoke that waiver.

In the event that the Honorable Matthew Rick is not available or other unable to hear a case, I hereby grant any Tarrant County Family Law Associate Judge the same authority granted to the Honorable Matthew Rick herein.

Signed on December 16, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final flourish, positioned above a horizontal line.

Judge Presiding