IN THE DISTRICT COURTS AND THE COUNTY COURTS AT LAW OF HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER	§	**STANDING ORDER REGARDING**
	§	**THE ASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL AND**
	§	**FAMILY LAW CASES**
	§	**IN HAYS COUNTY**

ADMINISTRATIVE STANDING ORDER

This order is an administrative standing order of the District Courts and County Courts at Law of Hays County that applies in civil and family cases filed with the District Clerk and the County Clerk of Hays County. Subject to the Rules of Court of the 453rd Judicial District Court, the 274th Judicial District Court, the 22nd Judicial District Court, the 207th Judicial District Court, the 428th Judicial District Court, and the 483rd Judicial District Court, and the Rules of Court of the Hays County Courts at Law, these Courts approve this standing order the assignment of civil cases and family law.

1. EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION

a. Cases that are within the Exclusive Jurisdiction of the District Courts and cases within the Exclusive Jurisdiction of the County Courts at Law are not subject to this order.

b. All civil cases within the exclusive jurisdiction of the District Courts shall be presented for filing to the District Clerk.

c. All civil cases within the exclusive jurisdiction of the County Courts at Law (i.e., all probate, mental illness, appeals from justice and municipal courts, and condemnation cases (when title to the subject property is not in question) shall be presented for filing to the County Clerk.

2. CONCURRENT CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW JURISDICTION CASES

The District Courts and County Courts at Law of Hays County have concurrent jurisdiction over civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds $500.00 and not exceed $250,000.00, excluding interest, statutory, or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney's fees, and costs, or alleged on the face of the petition, and all family law matters.

3. **ASSIGNMENT OF CASES BETWEEN DISTRICT COURTS AND COUNTY COURTS AT LAW BY AGREEMENT**

a. A District Judge who has on their docket a case over which the District Courts and County Courts at Law have concurrent jurisdiction may assign that case to a County Court at Law Judge upon the agreement of the Judge to whom the case is assigned.

b. A County Court at Law Judge who has on their docket a case over which the County Courts at Law and District Courts have concurrent jurisdiction may assign that case to a District Court Judge upon the agreement of the Judge to whom the case is assigned.

c. The case files for any case assigned between the District Court and County Courts at Law of Hays County under this standing order shall remain with the Court Clerk with whom the subject party filed the initial pleading.

d. Nothing in this order will prevent judges from exchanging benches, sitting for another judge, or transferring cases between themselves, when allowed by law.

THIS STANDING ORDER SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE 10 DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Judge Sherri K. Tibbe
453rd District Judge
Administrative District Judge,
Hays County District Courts

Judge Jimmy Allen Hall
Hays County Court at Law
No 1
Administrative Judge, Hays
Count Courts at Law

Judge Dibrell Waldrip
433rd District Judge
Presiding Judge,
Third Administrative &
Judicial Region