

96-000,286
Omnibus Order of Referral – Family Law Associate Judge

WHEREAS, the Lubbock County Commissioner’s Court has provided and funded the Family Law Associate Judges under the direction and supervision of the District and County Court-at-Law Judges (hereinafter referred to as Board of Judges); and,

AND WHEREAS, a judge must issue a written order of referral that specifies the associate judge’s duties; and,

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code § 201.005 and having considered the current administrative needs of the Board of Judges relating to the family law matters of the courts and the promotion of the uniform and efficient administration of justice; and,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, pursuant to Government Code § 201.005, the undersigned judges refer any aspect of a suit or action, including any matter ancillary to the suit or action, over which the court has jurisdiction under:

- 1) *This title;*
- 2) *Title 1;*
- 3) *Chapter 35, 35A, or 45;*
- 4) *Title 4;*
- 5) *Subchapter A, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure; or,*
- 6) *Chapter 24A, Property Code*

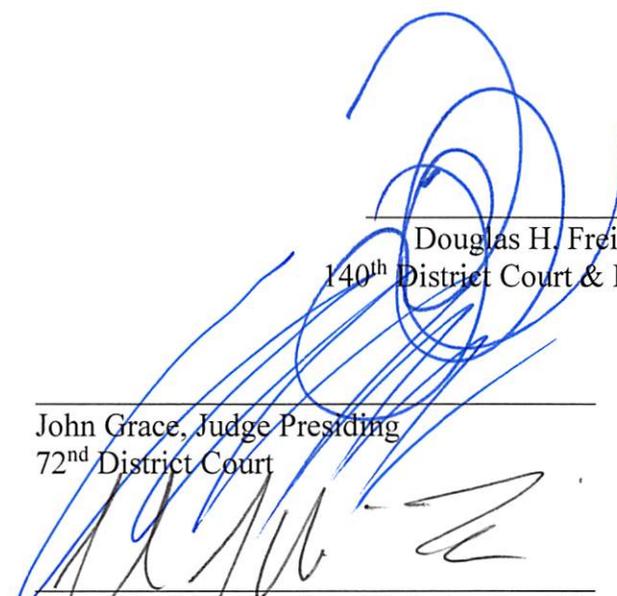
(b) Unless a party files a written objection to the associate judge hearing a trial on the merits, the judge may refer the trial to the associate judge. A trial on the merits is any final adjudication from which an appeal may be taken to a court of appeals.

(c) A party must file an objection to an associate judge hearing a trial on the merits or presiding at a jury trial not later than the 10th day after the date the party receives notice that the associate judge will hear the trial. If an objection is filed, the referring court shall hear the trial on the merits or preside at a jury trial.

(d) The requirements of Subsections (b) and (c) shall apply whenever a judge has authority to refer the trial of a suit or action described by Subsection (a) to an associate judge, master, or other assistant judge regardless of whether the assistant judge is appointed under this subchapter.

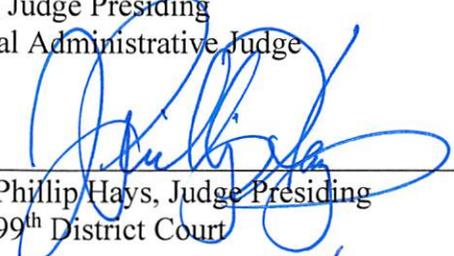
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Omnibus Order of Referral is entered pursuant to Texas Family Code § 201.006 with powers pursuant to Texas Family Code § 201.007.

Signed this 1st day of August, 2025.



Douglas H. Freitag, Judge Presiding
140th District Court & Local Administrative Judge

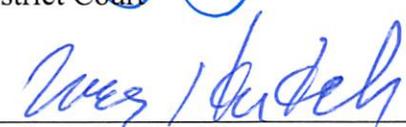
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72nd District Court



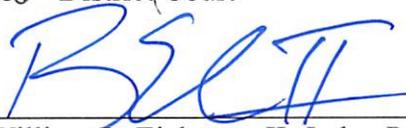
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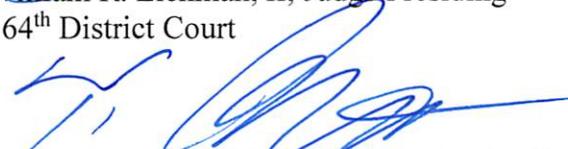
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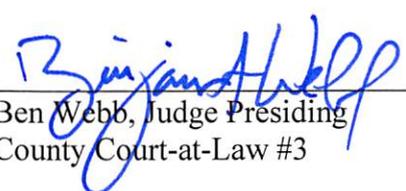
William R. Eichman, II, Judge Presiding
364th District Court



Mark Hocker, Judge Presiding
County Court-at-Law #1



Tom Brummett, Judge Presiding
County Court-at-Law #2



Ben Webb, Judge Presiding
County Court-at-Law #3