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In the 336th District Court and Fannin County Court at Law

IN AND FOR FANNIN COUNTY, TEXAS

STANDING ORDER ON CHILDREN, PROPERTY & CONDUCT OF PARTIES

This Standing Order applies in every divorce case and every suit affecting the parent-child relationship (SAPCR) filed in the 336th District Court and Fannin County Court at Law except cases initiated by the Attorney General of Texas or the Department of Family Protective and Regulatory Services. The Courts of Fannin County have adopted this Order because the parties and their children should be protected and their property preserved while the lawsuit is pending before the Court. **THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

1. **NO DISRUPTION OF THE CHILDREN.** Both parties are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts concerning any children who are subjects of the lawsuit:

    1.1 Removing the children from the State of Texas, acting directly or in concert with others, without either: (a) the written agreement of both parties signed and filed with the Court; or (b) an order of this Court.

    1.2 Disrupting or withdrawing the children from the school or day-care facility where the children are presently enrolled, without either: (a) the written agreement of both parties signed and filed with the Court; or (b) an order of this Court.

    1.3 Hiding or secreting the children from the other parent or changing the children's current place of abode, without either: (a) the written agreement of both parents signed and filed with this Court; or (b) an Order of this Court.

    1.4 Disturbing the peace of the children.

    1.5 Each party is admonished that discussing the following topics with a child or in a child's presence may result in an adverse finding or ruling in the lawsuit:

        1.5.1 Making disparaging remarks about each other or the other person's family members, including but not limited to the children's grandparents, aunts, uncles or stepparents.

        1.5.2 Any aspect of the lawsuit that does not directly involve the child, including but not limited to claims, testimony, evidence, witnesses,

pleadings, depositions or discovery. This does not apply to brief, necessary discussions regarding visitation logistics or the date/time of a scheduled interview with a judge.

1.6 If this is an original divorce action, allowing anyone with whom the party is romantically involved, to remain overnight in the home while in possession of the children. Overnight is defined from 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.

1.7 Using or possessing any dangerous drug or controlled substance not prescribed by a physician during any period of possession osf a child, or within the 12 hours preceding any period of possession.

2. **CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES DURING THE CASE.** Both parties are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

2.1 Using vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language, or a course or offensive manner to communicate with the other party, whether in person, by telephone, video chat, in writing or electronic messaging.

2.2 Threatening the other party in person, by telephone, video chat, in writing or electronic messaging to take unlawful action against any person.

2.3 Placing one or more telephone calls, video chats or electronic messages, at an unreasonable hour, in an offensive or repetitious manner, without a legitimate purpose of communication or anonymously.

2.4 Opening or diverting mail, email or other electronic communication addressed to the other party.

2.5 Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury to the other party or the child of either party.

2.6 Threatening the other party or a child of either party with imminent bodily injury to the other party or to a child of either party.

3. **PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND USE OF FUNDS DURING DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

3.1 Destroying, removing, concealing, encumbering, transferring, or otherwise harming or reducing the value of the property of either or both parties.

3.2 Misrepresenting or refusing to disclose to the other party or to the Court, on proper request, the existence, amount, or location of any tangible or intellectual property of one or both of the parties, including electronically stored or recorded information.

3.3 Damaging or destroying the tangible property of either or both parties, including any document that represents or embodies anything of value.

3.4 Tampering with the tangible property of either or both parties, including any document that represents or embodies anything of value, and causing pecuniary loss to the other party.

3.5 Selling, transferring, assigning, mortgaging, encumbering, or in any other manner, alienating any of the property of either party, whether personal property or real property, and whether separate or community, except as specifically authorized by this Order.

3.6 Incurring any indebtedness, other than legal expenses in connection with this lawsuit.

3.7 Making withdrawals from any checking or savings account in any financial institution for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by this Order.

3.8 Spending any sum of cash in either party's possession or subject to either party's control for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by his Order.

3.9 Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner for any purpose from any retirement, profit-sharing, pension, death or other employee benefit plan or employee savings plan or from any individual retirement account or Keogh account, except as specifically authorized by this Order.

3.10 Signing or endorsing the other party's name on any negotiable instrument, check, or draft, such as tax refunds, insurance payments, and dividends, or attempting to negotiate any negotiable instrument payable to the other party without the personal signature of the other party.

3.11 Taking any action to terminate or limit credit or charge cards in the name of the other party.

3.12 Entering, operating, or exercising control over the motor vehicle in the possession of the other party.

3.13 Discontinuing or altering the withholding for federal income taxes on wages or salary while this suit is pending.

3.14 Taking any action to terminate, cancel, modify, transfer, or otherwise alter any real property tax exemption, including but not limited to any homestead exemption, without prior written agreement of the parties or further order of the Court.

3.15 Terminating or in any manner affecting the service of water, electricity, gas, telephone, cable television, or other contractual services, such as security, pest control, landscaping, or yard maintenance at the other party's residence or in any manner attempting to withdraw any deposits in connection with such services.

3.16 Intercepting, deleting, or recording the other person's electronic communications.

3.17 Entering any safe deposit box in the name of or subject to the control of the parties or either party, whether individually or jointly with others.

3.18 Taking any action to terminate, cancel, or limit any credit account or credit card in the name of the other party, or opening or causing to be opened any new credit in the name of the other party.

4. **PERSONAL AND BUSINESS RECORDS IN DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

4.1 Concealing, deleting, or destroying any family records, communications, property records, financial records, business records, or any records of income, debts, or other obligations.

4.2 Falsifying any writing or record relating to the property of either party.

4.3 Destroying, disposing of, or altering any email, text message, video message, or chat message or other electronic data or electronically stored information relevant to the subject matter of the suit for dissolution of marriage, regardless of whether the information is stored on a hard drive, in a removable storage device, in cloud storage, or in another electronic storage medium.

4.4 Modifying, changing, or alternating the native format or metadata of any electronic data or electronically stored information relevant to the subject matter of the suit for dissolution of marriage, regardless of whether the information is stored on a hard drive, in a removable storage device, in cloud storage, or in another electronic storage medium.

4.5 Deleting any data or content from any social network profile used or created by either party or a child of the parties.

4.6 Using any password or personal identification number to gain access to the other party's email account, bank account, social media account, or any other electronic account.

4.7 Tracking or monitoring personal property or a motor vehicle in the possession of a party, without that party's effective consent, including by:

4.7.1 Using a tracking application on a personal electronic device in the possession of that party or using a tracking device; or

4.7.2 Physically following that party or causing another person to physically follow that party.

4.8 "Communications" and "records" include email or other digital or electronic data, whether stored on a computer hard drive, diskette, flash drive, cloud storage or other electronic storage device.

5. **INSURANCE IN DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

    5.1 Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all or any part of the cash surrender value of life insurance policies on the life of either party, except as specifically authorized by this Order.

    5.2 Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance on the life of either party or the parties' children.

    5.3 Canceling, altering, or in any manner affecting any casualty, automobile, or health insurance policies insuring the parties' property or persons including the parties' children.

6. **SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS IN DIVORCE CASE.** If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage, while maintaining appropriate records that must be disclosed upon proper request, are specifically authorized to do the following:

    6.1 To engage in acts reasonable and necessary to the conduct of that party's usual business and occupation.

    6.2 To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in connection with this lawsuit.

    6.3 To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable and necessary living expenses for food, clothing, shelter, transportation and medical care.

    6.4 To make withdrawals from accounts in financial institutions only for the purposes authorized by this Order.

    6.5 Nothing in this Order:

        6.5.1 Excludes a spouse from occupancy of the residence that a spouse is living except as provided in a protective order made in accordance with Title IV of the Texas Family Code.

        6.5.2 Prohibits a party from spending funds for reasonable and necessary living expenses or attorney's fees; or

        6.5.3 Prohibits a party from engaging in acts reasonable and necessary to conduct that party's usual business and occupation.

7. **MANDATORY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.** Within 30 days of a parent's appearance in a suit affecting parent child relationship, and before any hearing on temporary orders (whichever occurs first), each parent shall produce the following:

    7.1 Information sufficient to accurately identify that parent's net resources and ability to pay child support;

7.2 Copies of income tax returns for the past two years, a financial statement, and current pay stubs; and

7.3 Regarding each child's health, dental and/or vision insurance: the name of the carrier, the policy number, a copy of the policy and schedule of benefits, insurance membership card and proof of the cost of the child's portion of the premiums.

8. **INVENTORY IN DIVORCE CASES.** In contested divorce cases, each party shall serve on opposing counsel and self-represented parties not later than 60 days from Respondent's appearance but in no event less than 30 days prior to a final trial setting, an inventory, signed under oath by that party, setting forth a description and value of all property (real and personal, community and separate) owned or claimed by either or both of the parties and a list of all debts and liabilities (stating the creditor and amount) owed by either or both parties. When a party serves an inventory on opposing counsel or a self-represented party, the party shall file a certificate of compliance with the District Clerk certifying the same. Failure of a party to timely serve an inventory as required, both as to time and form, may subject that party to sanctions upon the motion of a party or the Court. Each party shall provide a copy of their inventory to the Court at a final hearing in a contested divorce case.

9. **PARENT EDUCATION AND FAMILY STABILIZATION COURSE.** In a divorce case involving children or an Original Suit Affecting Parent-Child Relationship, each parent shall individually register to attend and complete a parent education and stabilization that complies with Texas Family Code Section 105.009. Each party shall pay for the cost for their participation in the course and shall file with the District Clerk, a certificate of the date of the completion of such course within 60 days of the service of the Original Petition or the filing of a waiver by the Respondent. For uncontested cases, or cases in which the parties enter into an agreed temporary order and an agreed final order, or in which the parties enter into an agreed final order without a prior temporary order, the requirement to complete the Parent Education and Family Stabilization Course is waived. For good cause shown, the Court may waive the attendance requirement in individual cases. The following online courses are approved by the Court:

9.1 Between Two Homes - Making Two Homes Work at https://betweentwohomes.com/making-two-homes-work)

9.2 Online Parenting Programs - Co-Parenting Class (Six hour course) at https://www.onlineparentingprograms.com/online-classes/co-parenting-divorce-class.html.

A party seeking to complete a different parent education course in satisfaction of this requirement may file a request for Court approval identifying the proposed course and

providing sufficient information for the Court to determine whether the course satisfies the requirements of Texas Family Code Section 105.009.

10. SERVICE AND APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER.

10.1 The Petitioner shall attach a copy of this Order to the original petition and to each copy of the petition. At the time the petition is filed, if the Petitioner has failed to attach a copy of this Order to the petition and any copy of the petition, the Clerk shall ensure that a copy of this Order is attached to the petition and every copy of the petition presented.

10.2 **This Order is effective upon the filing of the original petition and shall remain in full force and effect as a temporary restraining order for fourteen days after the date of the filing of the original petition. If no party contests this Order by presenting evidence at a hearing on or before fourteen days after the date of the filing of the original petition, this Order shall continue in full force and effect as a temporary injunction until further Order of this Court. This entire Order will terminate and will no longer be effective once the Court signs a final order or the case is dismissed.**

11. **EFFECT OF OTHER COURT ORDERS.** If any part of this Order is different from any part of a protective order that has already been entered or is entered late, the protective order provisions prevail. Any part of this Order not changed by some later order remains in full force and effect until the Court signs a final decree.

12. **PARTIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO MEDIATE.** The parties are encouraged to settle their disputes amicably without court intervention. The parties are encouraged to use alternative dispute resolutions methods such as mediation, to resolve the conflicts that may arise in this lawsuit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above Order is effective October 13th, 2026.

CHRISTINA TILLETT, Presiding Judge
336th Judicial District Court

CHARLES BUTLER, Presiding Judge
Fannin County Court at Law