



**STANDING ORDER REGARDING CHILD(REN), PROPERTY
AND CONDUCT OF PARTIES IN DIVORCE AND
SUITS AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

On its own motion, the undersigned district judge issues this standing order, which shall apply to suits filed in the 365th District Court for dissolution of marriage and suits affecting the parent-child relationship, for the protection of the parties and their children, and for the preservation of their property.

1. SUITS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

While a suit for dissolution of marriage is pending, it is ORDERED that each party is prohibited from:

- 1.1 Intentionally communicating in person or in any other manner, including by telephone or another electronic voice transmission, video chat, in writing, or electronic messaging, with the other party by use of vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language or in a coarse or offensive manner, with intent to annoy or alarm the other party;
- 1.2 Threatening the other party in person or in any other manner, including by telephone or another electronic voice transmission, video chat, in writing, or electronic messaging, to take unlawful action against any person, intending by this action to annoy or alarm the other party;
- 1.3 Placing a telephone call, anonymously, at an unreasonable hour, in an offensive and repetitious manner, or without a legitimate purpose of communication with the intent to annoy or alarm the other party;
- 1.4 Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly destroying, removing, concealing, encumbering, transferring, or otherwise harming or reducing the value of the property of the parties or either party with intent to obstruct the authority of the court to order a division of the estate of the parties in a manner that the court deems just and right, having due regard for the rights of each party and any children of the marriage;
- 1.5 Intentionally falsifying a writing or record, including an electronic record, relating to the property of either party;
- 1.6 Intentionally 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 the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information;
- 1.7 Intentionally or knowingly damaging or destroying the tangible or intellectual property of the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information;
- 1.8 Intentionally or knowingly tampering with the tangible or intellectual property of the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information, and causing pecuniary loss or substantial inconvenience to the other party.

- 1.9 Unless specifically authorized by the Court:
 - 1.9.1 Selling, transferring, assigning, mortgaging, encumbering, or in any other manner alienating any of the property of the parties or either party, regardless of whether the property is:
 - a) Personal property, real property, or intellectual property; or
 - b) Separate or community property;
 - 1.9.2 Incurring any debt, other than legal expenses in connection with the suit for dissolution of marriage;
 - 1.9.3 Withdrawing money from any checking or savings account in a financial institution for any purpose;
 - 1.9.4 Spending any money in either party's possession or subject to either party's control for any purpose;
 - 1.9.5 Withdrawing or borrowing money in any manner for any purpose from a retirement, profit sharing, pension, death, or other employment benefit plan, employee savings plan, individual retirement plan, or Keogh account of either party; or
 - 1.9.6 Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all or any part of the cash surrender value of a life insurance policy on the life of either party or a child of the parties;
- 1.10 Entering without the written agreement of the parties or an order from the presiding judge 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;
- 1.11 Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance policy on the life of either party or a child of the parties;
- 1.12 Cancelling, altering, failing to renew or pay premiums on, or in any manner affecting the level of coverage that existed at the time the suit was filed of, any life, casualty, automobile, or health insurance policy insuring the parties' property or persons, including a child of the parties;
- 1.13 Opening or diverting mail or e-mail or any other electronic communication addressed to the other party;
- 1.14 Signing or endorsing the other party's name on any negotiable instrument, check, or draft, including a tax refund, insurance payment, and dividend, or attempting to negotiate any negotiable instrument payable to the other party without the personal signature of the other party;
- 1.15 Taking any action to terminate or limit credit or charge credit cards in the name of the other party;
- 1.16 Discontinuing or reducing the withholding for federal income taxes from either party's wages or salary;
- 1.17 Destroying, disposing of, or altering any financial records of the parties, including a canceled check, deposit slip, and other records from a financial institution, a record of credit purchases or cash advances, a tax return, and a financial statement;
- 1.18 Destroying, disposing of, or altering any e-mail, 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;
- 1.19 Modifying, changing, or altering 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;
- 1.20 Deleting any data or content from any social network profile used or created by either party or a child of the parties;
 - 1.21 Using any password or personal identification number to gain access to the other party's e-mail account, bank account, social media account, or any other electronic account;
 - 1.22 Terminating or in any manner affecting the service of water, electricity, gas, telephone, cable television, or any other contractual service, including security, pest control, landscaping, or yard maintenance at the residence of either party, or in any manner attempting to withdraw any deposit paid in connection with either of those services;
 - 1.23 Excluding the other party from the use and enjoyment of a specifically identified residence of the other party; or
 - 1.24 Entering, operating, or exercising control over a motor vehicle in the possession of the other party.

2. **SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS**

This standing order does not:

- 2.1 Exclude a party from occupying the party's residence;
- 2.2 Prohibit a party from spending funds for reasonable and necessary living expenses;
- 2.3 Prohibit a party from engaging in acts reasonable and necessary to conduct that party's usual business and occupation.

3. **SUITS AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

While a suit affecting the parent-child relationship is pending, it is ORDERED that each party is prohibited from:

- 3.1 During the pendency of an original suit, removing a child from the State of Texas for the purpose of changing the child's residence, acting directly or in concert with others, without the written agreement of the parties or an order from the presiding judge;
- 3.2 During the pendency of an original suit, disrupting or withdrawing a child from the school or day-care facility where the child is presently enrolled, without the written agreement of the parties or an order from the presiding judge;
- 3.3 During the pendency of an original suit, changing a child's current place of abode, without the written agreement of the parties or an order from the presiding judge;
- 3.4 Hiding or secreting a child from the other parent; or
- 3.5 Disturbing the peace of a child.

4. **MANDATORY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Within 30 days of a parent's appearance in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship, and before any hearing on temporary orders, each parent shall produce the following:

- 4.1 Information sufficient to accurately identify that parent's net resources and ability to pay child support;
- 4.2 Copies of income tax returns for the past two years, a financial statement, and current pay stubs;

- 4.3 Regarding each child's health insurance: the name of the carrier, the policy number, a copy of the policy and schedule of benefits, a health insurance membership card, and proof of the cost of the child's portion of the premiums; and
- 4.4 Regarding each child's dental insurance: the name of the carrier, the policy number, a copy of the policy and schedule of benefits, a dental insurance membership card, and proof of the cost of the child's portion of the premiums.

5. **SERVICE & APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER**

Service and application of this order shall be effected as follows:

- 5.1 The party who initiates any cause of action shall attach a copy of this order to the original and each copy of their petition to be served on the other parties in the case. 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, and shall tax the costs of said copies to the Petitioner.
- 5.2 This order is effective upon the filing of an original petition and shall remain in full force and effect as a temporary order until further order of this court. This entire order will terminate and will no longer be effective when the court signs a final order or the case is dismissed.

6. **EFFECT OF OTHER COURT ORDERS**

If any part of this order conflicts with any part of a protective order, the protective order shall prevail. Any portion of this order not changed by a subsequent order remains in full force and effect until the court signs a final order.

7. **MEDIATION**

The parties are encouraged to settle their disputes amicably without court intervention. The parties are encouraged to use alternative dispute resolution methods, such as mediation, to resolve the conflicts that may arise in this lawsuit.

8. **IMPLEMENTATION**

In the interest of judicial economy and efficiency and in order to dispense with the practice of filing a formal motion for Enforcement and for Sanctions in relation to this order, the court reserves the right on its own motion to render additional orders to assist in the implementation of or to clarify this order, and to exercise the general power of the court to enforce this order by appropriate means as the circumstances may warrant.

SIGNED ON THE 2ND DAY OF February, 2021.


Amado J. Abascal, III
Judge, 365th District Court

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