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Re: 391st District Court Family Law Cases and Hearings

Dear Counsel,

As part of our response to the ever-changing demands and challenges in which we find ourselves, the 391st District Court has implemented some additional changes regarding how we handle some family law hearings. Family law practitioners will want to familiarize themselves with these new procedures.

Family law hearings for the 391st that were typically heard on Fridays (temporary orders, protective orders, temporary restraining orders, etc.), will now be individually scheduled by the 391st Court Administrator and heard by the 391st District Judge. These hearings for 391st cases will no longer be heard on Fridays. Instead, for 391st cases, the same procedure will now be used to request a hearing for these hearings, as in other civil or criminal hearings. **This change only effects 391st cases and does not alter any other district court, CPS or IV-D cases or procedures.**

To request a hearing date, please contact the 391st Court Administrator, Erika Gonzales, at:

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Unless your case requires an emergency order (e.g., family violence protective order), prior to contacting the Court, the parties are to confer to attempt to identify/narrow the issues to be heard. While conferring, the parties will determine three proposed dates when all parties are available for the hearing, as well as the time needed for the hearing, and provide that information to the Court Administrator. The Court Administrator will attempt to accommodate the proposed dates and times, if possible.

Although we are not halfway through 2020, it has proven to be a year unlike any that we have ever seen. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent declarations and emergency orders, Texas attorneys and judges have worked hard to adapt our systems and procedures to protect the safety of our citizens and the integrity of our judicial system. I am proud and appreciative of the hard work and cooperation that has been displayed in response to these many challenges. I thank each of you for your continued support and assistance.

Kindest regards,



Brad Goodwin
391st District Judge