

Notice regarding requirement to attach standing orders in certain family law cases

1. The requirement to attach the standing order regarding children, property and conduct of the parties to initial family law pleadings shall apply to any filing made on or after April 17, 2020.
2. The clerk shall notify Petitioner of this Order and request Petitioner to correct any petition filed on or after that date without the attached order.
3. The standing order only applies to suits for marriage dissolution and suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
4. The standing order does not apply to adoptions, enforcement actions (contempt), writs for return of a child, and suits instituted by the Texas Attorney General, or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.
5. No ex parte temporary restraining order should be filed in marriage dissolution and suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
6. Ex parte temporary restraining orders will be accepted on suits for attach of a child, to take a child into the possession of the court, or to deny possession of a child by a parent pending hearing. These actions should be accompanied by an affidavit setting forth with particularity the justification therefore.
7. If temporary relief is sought under Texas Family Code chapter 105, a request for hearing should be filed with the appropriate court.

By ORDER of the District and County Courts at Law of Potter, Randall and Armstrong Counties, Texas.

Dated April 21, 2020.