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# KAUFMAN COUNTY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CHILDREN, PROPERTY AND CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES IN FAMILY CASES

No party to this lawsuit has requested this order. Rather, this order is a standing order of the Kaufman County District Courts and County Court at Law that applies in every divorce suit and every suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed in Kaufman County. The District Court and the County Courts at Law of Kaufman 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:

### NO DISRUPTION OF CHILDREN:

Both parties are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts concerning any children who are subjects of this case:

- 1. Removing the children from the State of Texas, acting directly or in concert with others, without the written agreement of both parties or an order of this Court.
- Disrupting or withdrawing the children from the school or day-care facility where the children are presently enrolled, without the written agreement of both parents, or an order of this Court.
- 3. Hiding or secreting the children from the other parent or changing the children's place of abode, without the written agreement of both parents or an order of this Court.
  - Disturbing the peace of the children.
- 5. 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, in the presence or within the hearing of the children.
- 6. Discussing with the children, or with any other person in the presence of the children, any litigation related to the children or the other party.
- 7. If this is an original divorce action, allowing an unrelated adult with whom the party has an intimate or dating relationship to remain in the same residence with the children between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

## CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES DURING THE CASE.

Both parties are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

- Using vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language, or a coarse or offensive manner to communicate with other party, whether in person, by telephone, in writing, or by electronic transmission.
- 2. Threatening the other party in person, by telephone, in writing, or by electronic transmission to take unlawful action against any person.
- Causing bodily injury to the other party or to a child of either party.

- Threatening the other party or a child of either party with imminent bodily injury.
- 5. Placing one or more telephone calls, at any unreasonable hour, in an offensive or repetitious manner without a legitimate purpose of communication, or anonymously.
  - 6. Opening or diverting mail addressed to the other party.

# 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:

- 1. Destroying, removing, concealing, encumbering, transferring, or otherwise harming or reducing the value of the property of one or both of the parties.
- 2. Misrepresenting or refusing to disclose to the other party or to the Court, on proper request, the existence, amount, or location of any property of one or both of the parties.
- Damaging or destroying the tangible property of one or both of the parties, including and document that represents or embodies anything of value.
- 4. Tampering with the tangible property of one or both of the parties, including any documents that represents or embodies anything of value, and causing pecuniary loss to the other party.
- 5. Selling, transferring, assigning, mortgaging, encumbering, or in any other manner alienating any of the property of either party, whether personal property or real estate property, and whether separate of community, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- Incurring any indebtedness, other than legal expense in connection with this suit, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- Making withdrawals from any checking or savings account in any financial institution for any purpose, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- 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 this order.
- 9. Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner for any purpose from any retirement, profitsharing, 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.
- 10. Signing or endorsing the other party's name or 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.
  - Taking any action to terminate or limit credit or charge cards in the name of the other party.
  - 12. Entering, operating, or exercising control over the motor vehicle in the possession of the other party.

- Discontinuing or reducing the withholding for federal income taxes on wages or salary while this suit is pending.
- 14. 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 for service in connection with such services.
  - 15. Intercepting or recording the other party's electronic communications.
  - 16. Excluding the other party from the use and enjoyment of the other party's residence.

**PERSONAL AND BUSINESS RECORDS IN DIVORCE CASE.** "Records" means any tangible document or recording and includes e-mail or other digital or electronic data, whether stored on a computer hard drive, diskette, or other electronic storage device.

If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERDED to refrain from doing the following acts:

- 1. Concealing or destroying any family records, property records, financial records, business records, or any records of income, debt or other obligations.
  - 2. Falsifying any writing or record relating to the property of either party.

#### INSURANCE IN DIVORCE CASE.

If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERDED to refrain from doing the following acts:

- 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.
- 2. Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance on the life of either party or the parties' children.
- 3. Canceling, failing to renew or pay premiums, or in any manner affecting the present level of coverage of any life, casualty, automobile, or health insurance policies insuring the parties' property or persons including the parties' children.

#### SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION IN DIVORCE CASE.

If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERDED to refrain from doing the following acts:

- To engage in acts reasonably and necessary to the conduct of that party's usual business and occupation.
- To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in connection with this suit.

- 3. To make expenditures and incur indebtedness for reasonable and necessary living expenses for food, clothing, shelter, transportation and medical care.
- 4. To make withdrawals from accounts in financial institutions only for the purposes authorized by this order.

## SERVICE AND APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER.

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.

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 when the court signs a final order or the case is dismissed.

# 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 later entered, 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.

# PARTIES ENCOURAGED TO MEDIATE.

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.

ROND WAIVED.

IT IS ORDERED that the requirement of a bond is waived.

THIS KAUFMAN COUNTY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CHILDREN, PROPERTY AND CONDUCT OF THE PARTIES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 15, 2009.

Howard Tygrett, District Judge

B. Michael Chitty, District Judge

422<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court

Erleigh Norville Wiley, Judge Kaufman County Court at Law

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David A. Lewis, Judge

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