IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 04-9040

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL RULE 14 OF THE FAMILY TRIAL DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDERED that:

Supplemental Local Rule 14, attached, as adopted by the Family Law Division of the District Courts of Harris County, and approved by the Hon. Olen Underwood, Presiding Judge of the Second Administrative Judicial Region, is approved.

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day of March, 2004

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Olen Underwood

Presiding Judge

Kassi Cranfill Administrative Assistant

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February 17, 2004

Honorable Nathan L. Hecht Justice, Supreme Court of Texas P.O. Box 12248 Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Supplemental Local Rule of the Family Trial Division of Harris County, Texas

Dear Judge Hecht:

Pursuant to, and in accordance with Rule 3a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 8, Regional Rules of Administration, Second Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, I am enclosing for approval by the Justices of the Supreme Court, the Supplemental Local Rule of the Family Trial Division of Harris County, Texas.

I hereby approve this addition of the Supplemental Local Rule of the Family Trial Division of Harris County, Texas. Please advise this office of the Courts actions.

Thank you for your usual courtesies.

Sincerely

Olen Underwood

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cc: Honorable James D. Squier, Local Administrative Judge Jack Thompson, Administrative Office of the District Courts, Harris County

Enclosure

SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL RULE

RULE 14. APPLICATION FOR AND REFUSAL OF IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

- 14.1 As provided in Section 14.3, all final divorce and paternity decrees, including any subsequent modification, that provides for child support paid through the Texas Child Support Disbursement Unit and all cases in which the Domestic Relations Office is currently appointed Friend of the Court, shall be deemed to include an application for IV-D child support services provided by Harris County and the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, pursuant to Chapter 231 of the Texas Family Code.
- 14.2 Unless required to accept IV-D child support services pursuant to other laws, a child support obligee entitled to receive services pursuant to this rule may decline services by filing a written Refusal of Child Support Services with the District Clerk. Refusal of IV-D child support services pursuant to this rule does not preclude a subsequent written application for services.
- 14.3 A Family District Court may implement this rule by written notice from the Presiding Judge to the Administrative Family Judge, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Office and the IV-D Agency. The rule is effective in that Court on the thirtieth (30) day following written notice and applies only to final orders signed after that date.

Said Local Ru	ale is effective on Oct. 31, 2003.
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