

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

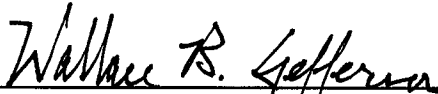
Misc. Docket No. 05- **9051**

**APPROVAL OF LOCAL RULES REGARDING THE APPLICATION
FOR TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
IN THE 71ST DISTRICT COURT FOR HARRISON COUNTY**


ORDERED that:

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3, the following Local Rules Regarding the Application for Title IV-D Child Support Services in the 71st District Court for Harrison County are approved.


In Chambers, this 7th day of March, 2005.



Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

Harriet O'Neill, Justice

J. Dale Wainwright

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Scott Brister

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David M. Medina

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Paul W. Green

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IN RE: APPLICATION FOR AND § IN THE 71ST DISTRICT COURT
REFUSAL OF TITLE IV-D § FOR
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES § HARRISON COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER ON APPLICATION FOR ~~AND REFUSAL OF~~ TITLE IV-D
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

On this date the undersigned Judge of the 71st Judicial District Court for Harrison County, having determined that it is in the best interest of the children of Harrison County that each final decree of the 71st District Court in a Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship which orders the payment of child support, shall be deemed to be an application for Title IV-D child support services and that it is necessary to adopt appropriate local rules for the procedure.

It is therefore ORDERED that the proposed Local Rule of the 71st District Court for Harrison County, attached hereto and made a part of this order for all purposes, is hereby adopted.

Signed the 31st day of JANUARY, 2005.


BONNIE LEGGAT-HAGAN, JUDGE
71ST DISTRICT COURT

**LOCAL RULE OF THE 71ST DISTRICT COURT
FOR HARRISON COUNTY**

Application for and Refusal of Title IV-D Child Support Services

- a. Each final decree entered by the 71st District Court for Harrison County, Texas, in a Suit Affecting Parent-Child Relationship, which orders the payment of child support, shall be deemed to be an application for Title IV-D services provided through the Office of the Texas Attorney General, pursuant to Section 231 of the Texas Family Code. This rule shall apply to all final decrees in Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship entered by the 71st District Court, whether entered before or after the effective date of this rule.
- b. Unless required to accept such services pursuant to other laws, and Obligee of child support entitled to received Title IV-D child support services pursuant to this rule may decline such services by filing a written Refusal of Child Support Services with the District Clerk of Harrison County, Texas.
- c. Refusal of IV-D Child Support Services pursuant to this rule does not preclude that person from making a subsequent written application to Title IV-D child support services



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February 3, 2005

Honorable John Ovard
Senior Presiding Judge
First Administrative Judicial Region
133 North Industrial Blvd.
Auxiliary Court 9, 5TH Floor
Dallas, Texas 75207

RE: APPLICATION FOR AND REFUSAL OF TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT
SERVICES - 71ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HARRISON COUNTY

Dear Judge Ovard:

Enclosed please find an Order adopting the above referenced local rule which has been signed by Judge Bonnie Leggat-Hagan. As a courtesy she has allowed us to forward it directly to you for your approval. If it meets with your approval, please sign and forward it to the Supreme Court for the necessary signatures. If you should need any other information please do not hesitate to contact me at 903-234-4166.

Sincerely,

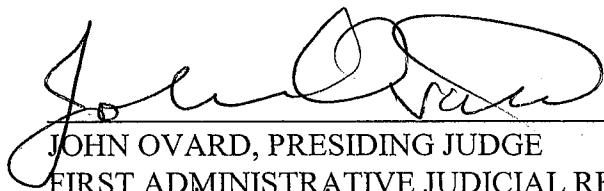


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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

As Presiding Judge of the First Administrative Judicial Region, I hereby approve the enclosed proposed Local Rule of the 71st District Court for Harrison County and forward it to the Texas Supreme Court for its consideration.



JOHN OVARD, PRESIDING JUDGE
FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION

2 / 8 / 2005

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