

## JUDGE JEROME HENNIGAN

324TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS 4TH FLOOR FAMILY LAW CENTER 200 E. WEATHERFORD FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76196 (817) 884-1432

BETH A. POULOS ASSOCIATE JUDGE 817-884-1991

March 27, 2020

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## POLICIES OF THE 231<sup>ST</sup>, 233<sup>RD</sup>, 322<sup>ND</sup>, 324<sup>TH</sup>, AND 325<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURTS AS TO CANCELLATION OF DOCKETS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is the policy of the 231<sup>st</sup> District Court, the 233<sup>rd</sup> District Court, the 322<sup>nd</sup> District Court, the 324<sup>th</sup> District Court, and the 325<sup>th</sup> District Court as well as their respective Associate Judge courts and the Child Protection Court are cancelling all dockets beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 through May 1, 2020. The only matters that will be heard are extraordinary relief TROs, protective orders, removal and the resulting show cause hearings, status review and permanency review hearings, writs of habeas corpus and/or attachment.

Each court will have policies regarding non-essential cases, the use of Zoom for hearings, presenting written submissions, and generally the policies or orders of that court as to proceeding with dockets after April 1, 2020. You should consult with the Court regarding those policies.

It is also the policy of the above courts that even though some school districts are "extending" spring breaks because of COVID-19, spring break possession ends according to the previously scheduled spring break as set forth in the school calendar for the applicable school district.

The Child Protection Court instructional meeting currently scheduled on March 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. is also cancelled.

Even though Judge Bennett's policy will differ from those set forth above, Judge Bennett does agree with the policy of the other District Courts as to spring break possession periods. It is our understanding Judge Bennett will issue her own orders regarding her docket as to all other issues.

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JESUS NHVAREZ  Presiding Judge of the 231st District Court Date: 427, 2020	JEROME HENNIGAN Presiding Judge of the 324 <sup>th</sup> District Court Date:
KENNETH NEWELL Presiding Judge of the 233rd District Court Date: March 27, 2020	JUDITH G. WELLS Presiding Judge of the 325th District Court Date:
JAMES MUNFORD Presiding Judge of the 322nd District Court Date: 3-26-2000	