IN THE DISTRICT COURTS AND COUNTY COURTS AT LAW OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER REGARDING PERSONS SEEKING CONSERVATORSHIP IN FAMILY LAW CASES

(This Order supersedes and replaces the Order Regarding Persons Seeking Conservatorship in Family Law Cases signed on May 19, 1998.)

Pursuant to the inherent powers of the court and the powers granted by the Texas Family Code, the Court finds that the best interest of the child(ren) of parties involved in original suits affecting the parent-child relationship or in suits to modify existing orders of conservatorship, possession or support, requires that any person seeking to become a managing conservator (temporary or permanent) or seeking access to a child, successfully complete a parent education and family stabilization course pursuant to §105.009 of the Texas Family Code.

This order applies to all persons seeking access to a child or seeking to become a managing or possessory conservator (whether sole, joint, temporary or permanent) in all original actions affecting the parent-child relationship or actions to modify existing orders brought under the Texas Family Code except for actions brought solely for the purpose of enforcing existing court-ordered obligations or actions brought by a governmental agency.

Any person filing a waiver of citation or service shall provide a copy of this order to the person signing the waiver and shall execute and file a statement confirming compliance with this order.

All parties seeking access to a child or seeking to become a managing or possessory conservator (whether sole, joint, temporary or permanent) shall successfully complete a parent education and family stabilization course which complies with §105.009(i) of the Texas Family Code and timely file an original certificate of completion of such course with the court. The parent education and family stabilization course shall be successfully completed by the petitioner or movant within 31 days of filing of the original petition or motion, and by the respondent within 31 days of respondent's first appearance or the filing of an answer or waiver by the unless the court in which the applicable litigation is pending orders otherwise.

A party's failure to successfully complete a parent education and family stabilization course pursuant to this order may result in the court not appointing the party as a managing conservator or in the court not granting specified periods of possession or access. Additionally, a judge may take appropriate action, including but not limited to holding the party in contempt of court, striking pleadings, or invoking any sanction provided by Rule 215 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

The parent education and family stabilization course required by this order shall comply with and meet all of the requirements of §105.009 of the Texas Family Code. Individual courts may require that parties must attend such course "in person." Parties are, therefore, required to contact the court in which the applicable litigation is pending to

Minute Date: 9-13-11 determine if said court mandates personal attendance. For good cause shown on motion by a party, the assigned judge may waive the requirement of completion of a parent education and family stabilization course or the requirement of personal attendance at such course.

THIS ORDER REGARDING PERSONS SEEKING CONSERVATORSHIP IN FAMILY LAW CASES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER 1, 2011

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