

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

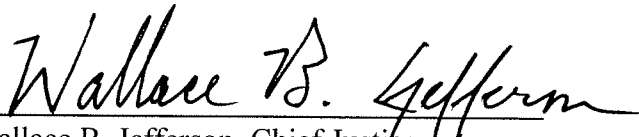
Misc. Docket No. 09- 9035


**ORDER APPROVING LOCAL RULE 16 FOR THE  
FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS OF DALLAS COUNTY**

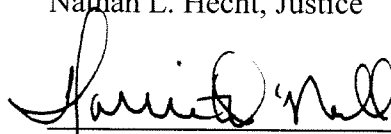
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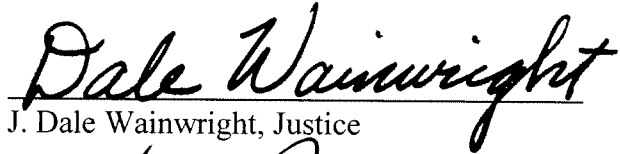
Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3a, the Supreme Court of Texas approves the following local rule for the Dallas County Family District Courts. Local Rule 16 relates to the application for and refusal of IV-D child support services in cases that formerly involved the Guardian Ad Litem and/or Friend of Court.

In Chambers, this 24th day of February, 2009.

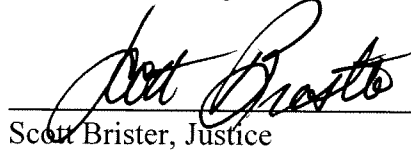
  
Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

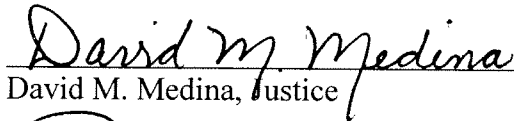
  
Harriet O'Neill, Justice

  
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J. Dale Wainwright, Justice

  
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Scott Brister, Justice

  
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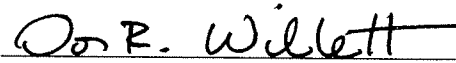
David M. Medina, Justice

  
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Paul W. Green, Justice

  
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Phil Johnson, Justice

  
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Don R. Willett, Justice

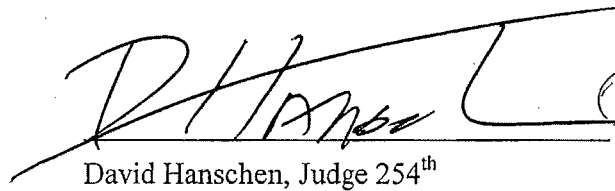
RULE 16 – APPLICATION FOR AND REFUSAL OF IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES –  
FORMER CASES INVOLVING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND/OR FRIEND OF THE COURT

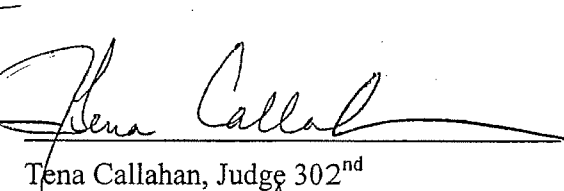
16.01 All orders in which child support payments were being monitored by the Guardian Ad Litem and/or Friend of the Court but where the appointment of Guardian Ad Litem and/or Friend of the Court has been terminated by an Omnibus Order of the court, shall be deemed to include an application for IV-D child support services provided by Dallas County and the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, pursuant to Chapter 231 of the Texas Family Code.

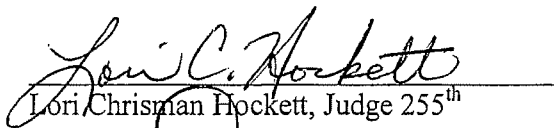
16.02 Unless required to accept IV-D child support services pursuant to other laws, a child support obligee entitled to receive services pursuant to this rule may decline services by filing a written Refusal of Child Support Services with the Dallas County Child Support Office. Refusal of IV-D child support services pursuant to this rule does not preclude a subsequent written application for IV-D services; however, it does preclude an obligee from re-entering this "Local Rule" program.

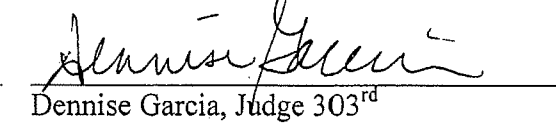
16.03 A Dallas County Family District Court may implement this rule by written notice to the Presiding Family Judge, District Clerk, Domestic Relations Office, and the IV-D Agency. The rule is effective in that Court on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the month following written notice and applies only to cases affected by orders set out in 16.01.

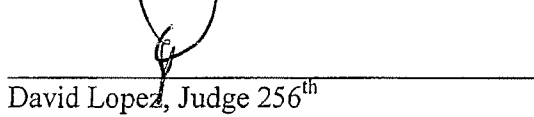
Approved by the Texas Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_.


  
David Hanschen, Judge 254<sup>th</sup>

  
Tena Callahan, Judge 302<sup>nd</sup>

  
Lori Chrisman Hockett, Judge 255<sup>th</sup>


  
Dennise Garcia, Judge 303<sup>rd</sup>

  
David Lopez, Judge 256<sup>th</sup>

  
Marilea Lewis, Judge 330<sup>th</sup>

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Lynn Cherry, Judge 301<sup>st</sup>

Approved by Presiding Judge John Ovard, First Administrative  
Judicial Region of Texas on January 30, 2009

  
John Ovard, Presiding Judge



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January 30, 2009

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Dear Ms. Peterson,

The Family District Judges have submitted new local rules for approval. I have approved them, and am forwarding them to you for Texas Supreme Court consideration. (Original to follow)

As the Family District Judges have indicated a need for expedited consideration, please contact me or Director Igrisan of Dallas County Domestic Relations Office for any additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Ovard", written over a circular stamp or mark.

John Ovard

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Enclosures



**DOMESTIC RELATIONS OFFICE  
ADMINISTRATION**

January 22, 2009

Honorable John Ovard  
Judge, First Administrative Judicial Region  
133 N. Industrial Blvd.  
Aux Court 9, Fifth Floor  
Dallas, TX 75207

Re: Local Rule Certificate to Supreme Court –Rule 16

Dear Judge Ovard:

Please find enclosed a copy of a new local rule signed by the Dallas County Family District Judges. They have asked me to assist in submitting Rule 16 to the Supreme Court for their approval, and would very much like to move quickly on this item.

On behalf of the Family District Judges of Dallas County, I request that you review this item for any conflicts with your standing orders. If there are no conflicts, please certify such to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court Rules Attorney is:

Ms. Kennon L. Peterson  
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P.O. Box 12248  
Austin, TX 78711

If you require any additional information, please contact me at my direct line 214-653-6971. Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Angela M. Igrisan, Director  
Dallas County Domestic Relations Office

cc: Honorable David Lopez, Presiding Dallas County Family District Judge