

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

Misc. Docket No. 07- 9084


**ORDER APPROVING AMENDED LOCAL RULES FOR THE  
FAMILY DISTRICT COURTS OF DALLAS COUNTY RELATING TO  
APPLICATION FOR AND REFUSAL OF TITLE IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

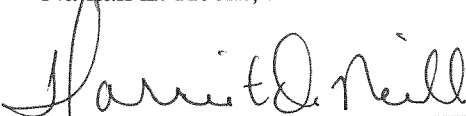
**ORDERED** that:

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3a, the following Amended Local Rules for the Family District Courts of Dallas County Relating to Application for and Refusal of Title IV-D Child Support Services are approved. These amended local rules replace the local rules previously approved by the Supreme Court in Misc. Docket No. 05-9018 (Jan. 14, 2005).

In Chambers, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

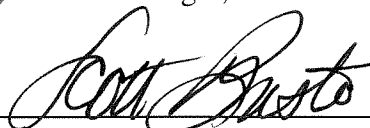
  
Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

  
Harriet O'Neill, Justice



J. Dale Wainwright, Justice



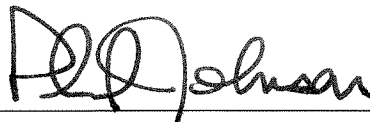
Scott Brister, Justice

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David M. Medina, Justice



Paul W. Green, Justice



Phil Johnson, Justice



Don R. Willett, Justice


RULE 15. - APPLICATION FOR AND REFUSAL OF IV-D CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

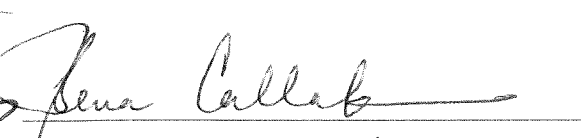
15.01 As provided in Section 15.03, all final orders (judgments) that provide for child support to be paid through the State Disbursement Unit, excluding modifications of orders prior to the effective date of this rule, shall be deemed to include an application for IV-D child support services provided by Dallas County and the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, pursuant to Chapter 231 of the Texas Family Code.

15.02 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.

15.03 A Dallas County Family District Court may implement this rule by written notice to the Presiding Family Judge, District Clerk, Child Support 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 final orders signed after that date.

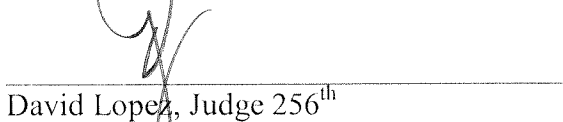
Approved by the Texas Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

  
Lofi 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>

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



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Re: Proposed Local Rule 15

Dear Ms. Hughes,

The proposed rule does not conflict with any of the First Administrative Judicial Region's Rules or Orders.

I certify to this finding. If you need anything further, please contact me any time.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ovard