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LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

JOINT ORDER OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS RESPECTING STYLE OF PLEADINGS

On this the 14th day of May, 1985, it having been brought to the attention of the Judges of the District Courts of Lubbock County, Texas, that some of the lawyers filing cases in the District Clerk's Office of Lubbock County have been styling the case with the initials, only, of the parties to the case; and they have been failing to state the surnames of the parties involved in the suit;

The Courts find that such styling of pleadings of "initials only" is vexatious, poor pleadings, and works an undue hardship upon the district clerk and his staff as they try to properly index, record and process the case in the district clerk's office; and the Courts find that such poor practice, in fact, substantially interferes with due and orderly administration of justice;

It is, therefore, ORDERED AND DECREED by each of the five undersigned District Judges of Lubbock County, Texas, that the Clerk of the Bistrict Courts of Lubbock County, Texas, shall refuse to file any pleadings sought to be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of Lubbock County, Texas, wherein the style of the pleading does not set forth the full surname of each of the parties to the suit, if individuals, and the full name of the entity, if the party is a corporation, firm, association or partnership, or otherwise, if not an individual; provided, however, this Order and rule does not prevent the use of such words as et ux, et vir, et al, ex parte, if used appropriately in the styling of the pleading sought to be filed.

This Order shall not be construed to be in conflict with any statutory requirements respecting styling and pleadings as may be required by the Texas Family Code respecting adoption of children and juvenile matters or

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any other statutory requirements, which said statutory requirements shall prevail.

This Order is effective this the 14th day of May, 1985; and it is made Local Rule: Number 19, under Part One, entitled RULES FOR SETTINGS, TRIAL AND DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS.

This Order shall be filed by the district clerk in each of the five District Courts of Lubbock County and upon the minutes of each of said courts, and the district clerk shall post a copy of the said Joint Order in at least two prominent places in his office that are accessible to the public.

This Order shall also be published in the next issue of the bulletin of the Lubbock County Bar Association.

SIGNED the 14th day of May, 1985.

THOMAS E. CLINTON, JUDGE 99th District Court

WILLIAM R. SHAVER, JUDGE

237th District Court