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**O R D E R**

**The District Courts and County Courts at Law of Lubbock County hereby order the following:**

**Parenting Program Required.** All parties in original suits affecting the parent-child relationship or in suits to modify existing orders of conservatorship or possession are ordered to successfully complete a parenting program. This order applies to all persons seeking to become a managing or possessory conservator, whether sole, joint, temporary or permanent. The program shall include, but not be limited to:

1. the emotional effects of divorce on parents;
2. the emotional and behavioral reactions to divorce by young children and adolescents;
3. parenting issues relating to the concerns and needs of children at different developmental stages;
4. stress indicators in young children and adolescents;
5. conflict management;
6. family stabilization through development of a coparenting relationship;
7. the financial responsibilities of parenting;
8. family violence, spousal abuse, and child abuse and neglect; and
9. the availability of community services and resources.

A list of approved programs and dates and times for such programs can be obtained from the Associate Judge's office at 904 Broadway, Room 305. Parties who wish to satisfy the requirement with another program may submit information regarding the program to the Associate Judge for approval prior to enrollment in the program. The requirement of a parenting program may be waived by the referring court for good cause shown.

**Fees.** Each party shall attend the parenting program at the party's sole cost and expense. The fee shall be payable to the program provider prior to the program date. Fees shall be reduced or waived in cases of indigency as determined by the court.

**Notification Procedure.** The attorney filing the case shall provide a copy of this order to the petitioner/movant. The District Clerk shall provide a copy of this order to all pro se parties. Additionally, the District Clerk shall attach a copy of this order to each citation or notice of hearing which is to be served in any suit affecting the parent-child relationship. Any person filing a waiver of citation or service shall provide a copy of this order to the person signing the waiver and shall file a statement confirming compliance with this order.

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**Deadline for Completion.** The program shall be initiated within thirty days from the answer due date, and evidence of completion filed with the court at least seven days prior to the final hearing.

**Sanctions.** The court may take appropriate action with regard to a party who fails to attend or complete a course or seminar ordered by the court, including holding the party in contempt of court, striking pleadings, or invoking any sanction provided by Rule 215, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, as amended.

This order shall become effective June 1, 2000.

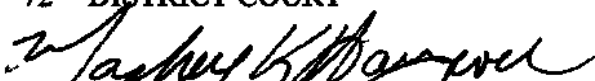
Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2000.



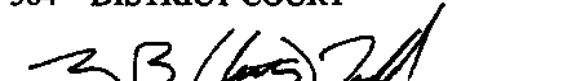
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72<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT COURT



BRADLEY S. UNDERWOOD, JUDGE  
364<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT



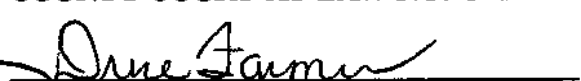
MACKAY K. HANCOCK, JUDGE  
99<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT



LARRY B. "RUSTY" LADD  
COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW NO. ONE



CECIL G. PURYEAR, JR., JUDGE  
137<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT



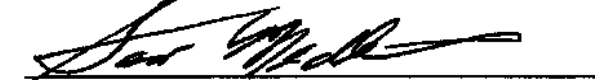
DRUE FARMER, JUDGE  
COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW NO. TWO



JIM B. DARNELL, JUDGE  
140<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT



PAULA LANEHART, JUDGE  
COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW NO. THREE



SAM MEDINA, JUDGE  
237<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT