



**505<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT  
HON. KALI MORGAN, PRESIDING JUDGE**

**STANDING ORDER OF REFERRAL TO  
THE ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE 505TH DISTRICT COURT**

This Order confirms the Rules of Practice of the 505<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court. Effective January 1, 2021, all cases filed in the 505<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court ending in an EVEN number are referred to the Associate Judge for hearing and trial, except those final trials in which a proper objection is timely raised.

SIGNED ON: January 7, 2021

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**Kali Morgan, Presiding Judge**



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**STANDING ORDER OF THE 505<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT**

The protection of children and best interests of children is the primary focus of the 505<sup>th</sup> District Court. In order to maintain the confidentiality of certain child related cases,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that all filings in the Fort Bend County District Clerk's Office involving:

1. A governmental entity under Chapter 262, et seq. of the Texas Family Code;
2. Termination of parental rights under Chapter 161, et seq. of the Texas Family Code;
3. Adoptions under Chapter 162; et seq. of the Texas Family Code; and
4. Gestational Agreements under Chapter 160, et seq. of the Texas Family Code,

shall be confidential images and not open to public viewing. The Court further ORDERS that only the parties, attorneys of record, the Amicus Attorney, the Attorneys Ad Litem, Guardians Ad Litem, if any, in the specific case, and all Court staff may have access to the files listed above. Furthermore, the above referenced parties, attorneys, amicus attorneys and attorneys ad litem shall be allowed to e-file documents for inclusion in these confidential files.

All others interested in viewing any of the above files must file a motion and obtain an order signed by a Judge with jurisdiction over these chapters in the Texas Family Code.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED ON: January 7, 2021

**Kali Morgan, Presiding Judge**



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**STANDING ORDER ENJOINING THE RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS**

UNDER PENALTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT, NO PERSON, OTHER THAN THE COURT REPORTER, MAY RECORD A COURT PROCEEDING WITHOUT THE COURT'S PERMISSION. THIS PROHIBITION APPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WATCHING THE PROCEEDINGS ON THE COURT'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND TO PERSONS WITH THE ABILITY TO RECORD THE ZOOM MEETING. THE COURT REPORTER'S RECORD SHALL BE THE ONLY RECORD OF THE COURT PROCEEDING. ANY PERSON FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER FACES CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING A FINE OF UP TO \$500 AND A SENTENCE OF CONFINEMENT FOR UP TO SIX (6) MONTHS IN JAIL FOR EACH ACT OF CONTEMPT OF COURT.

This standing order shall become effective immediately.

SIGNED ON: January 7, 2021

  
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**Kali Morgan, Presiding Judge**