

**IN THE 33<sup>RD</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
AND THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW  
OF BURNET COUNTY, TEXAS**

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| <b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER</b> | <b>JOINT RULE OF ADMINISTRATION:<br/>TRANSFER OF FAMILY LAW CASES TO<br/>COUNTY COURT AT LAW AND<br/>ESTABLISHING PREFERENCES IN THE<br/>COURTS FOR CATGEGORIES OF FAMILY<br/>CODE CASES</b> |
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The purpose of this Order is to establish preferences between the 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court (District Court) and the Burnet County Court-at-Law (County Court-at-Law). This Order is necessary due to the crowded condition of the docket of the District Court, to the extreme reduction by the legislature of the State of Texas in funding of the program of assigned judges to assist with caseloads, and in order to utilize the jurisdiction of the Court-at-Law as authorized by the Burnet County Commissioners Court and created by Texas Gov't Code Section 25.0292.

This Joint Rule of Administration is adopted by the District Court and the County Court-at-Law pursuant to Gov't Code Section 74.093.

The Courts therefore enter the following joint orders and, accordingly, it is **ORDERED AND DECREED** that

1 The numbered and styled cases set forth on Exhibit "A" attached and made a part of this Order for all purposes, and being cases arising under the Family Code within the concurrent jurisdiction of the District Court and the County Court-at-Law (Transferred Cases), are hereby transferred from the docket of the District Court to the docket of the County Court-at-Law.

2 Effective immediately, all new cases filed under the Family Code shall be filed in the County Court-at-Law except for those arising under

2.1 the Juvenile Justice Code, Title 3 of the Family Code (Juvenile Cases), and

2.2 the Protection of the Child provisions of Subtitle "E" of Title 5 of the Family Code (CPS

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cases), i.e those matters which have been referred to the Associate Judge for Substitute Care and Child Protective Services Cases pursuant to Family Code Section 201.201 for which the District Court shall continue to be the referring court.

3 All other Family Code cases now pending on the docket of the District Court, including Juvenile Cases, CPS Cases, and disposed of cases for which the District Court retains continuing, exclusive jurisdiction (Retained Cases) shall remain on docket of the District Court.

4 When a disposed of Retained Case (other than a Juvenile or CPS case) is reactivated by virtue of a pleading which invokes the continuing exclusive jurisdiction of the District Court, then the following shall govern the handling of such case:

4.1 If there is simultaneously filed a Motion to Transfer Venue, then the District Court shall hear the matter and if the Motion is granted, shall transfer the case accordingly. And if the Motion is denied, then the case shall be transferred to the docket of the County Court-at-Law unless the District Court determines to retain the case on its docket.

4.2 If no question of venue of the reactivated case is raised then the case shall be transferred to the docket of the County Court-at-Law unless the District Court determines to retain the case on its docket.

5 As with all cases of concurrent jurisdiction, the judge of either the District Court or the County Court-at-Law may hear any of the cases arising under the Family Code pending on the docket of the other court by informal exchange of benches pursuant to Gov't Code Section 74.094.

Signed on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Guilford L. Jones, III  
Presiding Administrative Judge  
of the District Court

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W.R. "Randy" Savage  
Presiding Administrative Judge  
Of the Statutory County Court

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