



**DISTRICT AND COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGES
IN AND FOR
VAL VERDE COUNTY, TEXAS**

REVISED 2024

STANDING ORDER ON CHILDREN, PROPERTY & CONDUCT OF PARTIES

On their own motion, the District Judges and County Court at Law Judge issue this standing order, which shall apply to suits for dissolution of marriage and suits affecting the parent-child relationship, for the protection of the parties and their children, and for the preservation of their property.

SUITS FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

While a suit for dissolution of marriage is pending, it is ORDERED that each party is prohibited from:

1. CONDUCT OF PARTIES DURING THE CASE

- 1.1** Intentionally communicating in person or in any other manner, including by telephone or another electronic voice transmission, video chat, in writing, or electronic messaging, with the other party by use of vulgar, profane, obscene, or indecent language or in a coarse or offensive manner, with intent to annoy or alarm the other party;
- 1.2** Threatening the other party in person or in any other manner, including by telephone or another electronic voice transmission, video chat, in writing, or electronic messaging, to take unlawful action against any person, intending by this action to annoy or alarm the other party;
- 1.3** Placing a telephone call, anonymously, at an unreasonable hour, in an offensive and repetitious manner, or without a legitimate purpose of communication with the intent to annoy or alarm the other party;
- 1.4** Illegally intercepting or recording the other party's electronic communications.

- 1.5 Intentionally, knowing or recklessly causing bodily injury to the other party or to the child of either party.
- 1.6 Threatening the other party or a child of either party with imminent bodily injury
- 1.7 Opening or diverting mail addressed to the other party.
- 1.8 Using any password or personal identification number to gain access to the other party's email account, bank account, social media account, or any other electronic account.
- 1.9 Tracking or monitoring personal property or a motor vehicle in the possession of a party, without that party's effective consent, including by:
 - 1.9.1. Using a tracking application on a personal electronic device in the possession of that party or using a tracking device: or
 - 1.9.2. Physically following that party or causing another to physically follow that party.

2. PRESERVATION OF PROPERTY AND USE OF FUNDS

- 2.1 Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly destroying, removing, concealing, encumbering, transferring, or otherwise harming or reducing the value of the property of the parties or either party with intent to obstruct the authority of the court to order a division of the estate of the parties in a manner that the court deems just and right, having due regard for the rights of each party and any children of the marriage;
- 2.2 Intentionally falsifying a writing or record, including an electronic record, relating to the property of either party;
- 2.3 Intentionally misrepresenting or refusing to disclose to the other party or to the court, on proper request, the existence, amount, or location of any tangible or intellectual property of the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information;
- 2.4 Intentionally or knowingly damaging or destroying the tangible or intellectual property of the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information;
- 2.5 Intentionally or knowingly tampering with the tangible or intellectual property of the parties or either party, including electronically stored or recorded information, and causing pecuniary loss or substantial inconvenience to the other party;

2.6 Unless specifically authorized by the Court

- 2.6.1. Incurring any debt, other than legal expenses in connection with the suit for dissolution of marriage;
- 2.6.2. Withdrawing money from any checking or savings account in a financial institution for any purpose;
- 2.6.3. Spending any money in either party's possession or subject to either party's control for any purpose;
- 2.6.4. Withdrawing or borrowing money in any manner for any purpose from a retirement, profit sharing, pension, death, or other employee benefit plan, employee savings plan, individual retirement account, or Keogh account of either party; or
- 2.6.5. Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all, or any part of the cash surrender value of a life insurance policy on the life of either party or a child of the parties;
- 2.7 Entering any safe deposit box in the name of or subject to the control of the parties or either party, whether individually or jointly with others;
- 2.8 Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance policy on the life of either party or a child of the parties;
- 2.9 Cancelling, altering, failing to renew or pay premiums on, or in any manner affecting the level of coverage that existed at the time the suit was filed of, any life, casualty, automobile, or health insurance policy insuring the parties' property or persons, including a child of the parties;
- 2.10 Opening or diverting mail or e-mail or any other electronic communication addressed to the other party;
- 2.11 Signing or endorsing the other party's name on any negotiable instrument, check, or draft, including a tax refund, insurance payment; and dividend, or attempting to negotiate any negotiable instrument payable to the other party without the personal signature of the other party;
- 2.12 Taking any action to terminate or limit credit or charge credit cards in the name of the other party;
- 2.13 Discontinuing or reducing the withholding for federal income taxes from either party's wages or salary;

- 2.14 Destroying, disposing of, or altering any financial records of the parties, including a canceled check, deposit slip, and other records from a financial institution, a record of credit purchases or cash advances, a tax return, and a financial statement;
- 2.15 Destroying, disposing of, or altering any e-mail, text message, video message, or chat message or other electronic data or electronically stored information relevant to the subject matter of the suit for dissolution of marriage, regardless of whether the information is stored on a hard drive, in a removable storage device, in cloud storage, or in another electronic storage medium;
- 2.16 Modifying, changing, or altering the native format or metadata of any electronic data or electronically stored information relevant to the subject matter of the suit for dissolution of marriage, regardless of whether the information is stored on a hard drive, in a removable storage device, in cloud storage, or in another electronic storage medium;
- 2.17 Deleting any data or content from any social network profile used or created by either party or a child of the parties;
- 2.18 Using any password or personal identification number to gain access to the other party's e-mail account, bank account, social media account, or any other electronic account;
- 2.19 Terminating or in any manner affecting the service of water, electricity, gas, telephone, cable television, or any other contractual service; including security, pest control, landscaping, or yard, maintenance at the residence of either party, or in any manner attempting to withdraw any deposit paid in connection with any of those services;
- 2.20 Excluding the other party from the use and enjoyment of a specifically identified residence of the other party;
- 2.21 Entering, operating, or exercising control over a motor vehicle in the possession of the other party.

3. PERSONAL AND BUSINESS RECORDS

"Records" means any tangible document or recording and includes e-mail or other digital or electronic data, whether stored on a computer hard drive, diskette or other electronic storage device. If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

- 3.1 Concealing or destroying any family records, property records, financial records, business records or any records of income, debts, or other obligations; and
- 3.2 Falsifying any writing or record relating to the property of either party

4. INSURANCE

If this is a divorce case, both parties to the marriage are ORDERED to refrain from doing the following acts:

- 4.1 Withdrawing or borrowing in any manner all or any part of the cash surrender value of life insurance policies on the life of either party, except as specifically authorized by this order.
- 4.2 Changing or in any manner altering the beneficiary designation on any life insurance on the life of either party or the parties' children.
- 4.3 Canceling, altering, or in any manner affecting any casualty, automobile, or health insurance policies insuring the parties' property or persons including the parties' minor children.

5. SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATIONS

This standing order does not:

- 5.1 Exclude a party from occupying the party's residence;
- 5.2 Prohibit a party from spending funds for reasonable and necessary living expenses;
- 5.3 Prohibit a party from engaging in acts reasonable and necessary to conduct that party's usual business and occupation;

6. NO DISRUPTION OF CHILDREN

While a suit affecting the parent-child relationship is pending, it is ORDERED that each party is prohibited from:

- 6.1 During the pendency of an original suit, removing a child from the State of Texas for the purpose of changing the child's residence, acting directly or in concert with others, without the written agreement of the parties or an order from the presiding judge;
- 6.2 During the pendency of an original suit, disrupting or withdrawing a child from the school or day-care facility where the child is presently: enrolled, without the written agreement of the parties or an order from the presiding judge;
- 6.3 During the pendency of an original suit, changing a child's current place of abode, without the written agreement of the parties or an order from the presiding judge;
- 6.4 Hiding or secreting a child from the other parent; or

6.5 Disturbing the peace of a child

7. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN TEMPORARY HEARINGS

In all cases in which temporary support of a spouse and/or the child is in issue, each party shall be required to furnish:

- 7.1** Information sufficient to accurately identify that parent's net resources and ability to pay child support;
- 7.2** Copies of income tax returns for the past two years or if no return has been filed, the parties Form W-2, form 1099, and schedule K-1 for such year, a financial statement, and two most recent current pay stubs;
- 7.3** Regarding each child's health insurance: the name of the carrier, the policy number, a copy of the policy and schedule of benefits; a health insurance membership card, and proof of the cost of the child's portion of the premiums; and
- 7.4** Regarding each child's dental insurance: the name of the carrier, the policy number, a copy of the policy and schedule of benefits, a dental insurance membership card, and proof of the cost of the child's portion of the premiums.

• **SERVICE & APPLICATION OF THIS ORDER**

Each party must attach a copy of this order to the party's live pleading. This order is effective upon the filing of an original petition and shall remain in full force and effect as a temporary restraining order for fourteen days after the date of the filing of the original petition. If no party contests this order, by presenting evidence at a hearing on or before fourteen days after the date of the filing of the original petition, this order shall continue in full force and effect as a temporary injunction until further order of this court. This entire order will terminate and will no longer be effective when the court signs a final order or the case is dismissed.

8. EFFECT OF OTHER COURT ORDERS

If any part of this order conflicts with any part of a protective order, the protective order shall prevail. Any portion of this order not changed by a subsequent order remains in full force and effect until the court signs a final order.

9. MEDIATION

The parties are encouraged to settle their disputes amicably without court intervention. The parties are encouraged to use alternative dispute resolution methods, such as mediation, to resolve the conflicts that may arise in this lawsuit.

10. BOND WAIVED

It is ORDERED that the requirement of a bond is waived.

THIS REVISED 2024 VAL VERDE COUNTY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CHILDREN, PROPERTY AND CODUCT OF PARTIES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON May 17, 2024.



Hon. Roland Andrade
Judge, 63RD District Court



Hon. Robert Cadena
Judge, 83RD District Court



Hon. Sergio Gonzalez
Judge, County Court at Law