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POLICIES OF THE 231ST, 233RD, 322ND, 324TH, AND 325TH DISTRICT COURTS AS TO CANCELLATION OF DOCKETS DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is the policy of the 231st District Court, the 233rd District Court, the 322nd District Court, the 324th District Court, and the 325th District Court as well as their respective Associate Judge courts and the Child Protection Court are cancelling all dockets beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 through May 1, 2020. The only matters that will be heard are extraordinary relief TROs, protective orders, removal and the resulting show cause hearings, status review and permanency review hearings, writs of habeas corpus and/or attachment.

Each court will have policies regarding non-essential cases, the use of Zoom for hearings, presenting written submissions, and generally the policies or orders of that court as to proceeding with dockets after April 1, 2020. You should consult with the Court regarding those policies.

It is also the policy of the above courts that even though some school districts are "extending" spring breaks because of COVID-19, spring break possession ends according to the previously scheduled spring break as set forth in the school calendar for the applicable school district.

The Child Protection Court instructional meeting currently scheduled on March 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. is also cancelled.

Even though Judge Bennett's policy will differ from those set forth above, Judge Bennett does agree with the policy of the other District Courts as to spring break possession periods. It is our understanding Judge Bennett will issue her own orders regarding her docket as to all other issues.

JESUS NEVAREZ
Presiding Judge of the
231st District Court
Date: March 27, 2020

JEROME HENNIGAN
Presiding Judge of the
324th District Court
Date: _____

KENNETH NEWELL
Presiding Judge of the
233rd District Court
Date: March 27, 2020

JUDITH G. WELLS
Presiding Judge of the
325th District Court
Date: 3-26-2020

JAMES MUNFORD
Presiding Judge of the
322nd District Court
Date: 3-26-2020