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POLICIES OF THE 231ST, 233RD, 322ND, 324TH, 325TH AND 360TH
DISTRICT COURTS AS TO DISCOVERY DISPUTES ARISING
OR PENDING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) State of Disaster, as well as in conformity with Paragraph III of the Texas Lawyers Creed, Tarrant County Local Rule 4.01 (12) 12.1, Rule 191.2 Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and especially Paragraph 2 in the First Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster issued by the Texas Supreme Court, it is the policy of the Family Law District Courts, as well as their respective Associate Courts, to encourage the parties to resolve discovery disputes without the necessity of Court intervention. The parties and their attorneys are encouraged to be mindful of the potential necessity of adjusting discovery deadlines, granting extensions, etc., in accordance with the Governor's Disaster Declaration. To this end, it may be rebuttably presumed that any reasonable request for an extension of time would be for good cause shown and a formal contested Motion for Extension of Time, or to otherwise adjust the discovery deadlines in a case, would likely be granted absent compelling reasons to the contrary. Likewise, a Motion for Sanctions under the Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 215, whether in the form of a Motion to Compel, or otherwise, would be scrutinized for reasonableness in view of the Disaster Declaration. All such Motions filed by the parties and heard by the Court may be subject to an analysis for sanctions under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 215.3.

JESUS NEVAREZ
Presiding Judge
231st District Court
Date:

JEROME HENNIGAN
Presiding Judge
324th District Court
Date: 4/2/2020

KENNETH NEWELL
Presiding Judge
233rd District Court
Date: April 2, 2020

JUDITH WELLS
Presiding Judge
325th District Court
Date: 4-2-2020

JAMES B. MUNFORD
Presiding Judge
322ND District Court
Date: 4-2-2020

PATRICIA BACA BENNETT
Presiding Judge
360th District Court
Date: April 2, 2020