

County Court at Law

Polk County, Texas

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To all attorneys that practice family law in the County Court at Law:

Re: Temporary Orders

Counsel:

On August 13, 2021, I reaffirmed a limitation imposed during the COVID pandemic on modification of temporary orders in the County Court at Law of Polk County due to the constraints of Zoom. Although we are now fully back to having in person court, the volume of family law cases pending in this court and the resulting difficulty in being able to provide prompt hearings necessitate the continuation of the existing rules concerning the modification of temporary orders.

A motion to modify temporary orders will be set for hearing only if the motion is supported by an affidavit stating the specific exceptional circumstances necessitating the modification, the specific relief requested and, most importantly, the specific reason the case cannot be set for a final hearing.

Temporary orders are intended to stabilize circumstances while the case progresses to a final hearing. Ultimate issues will typically not be litigated during a temporary orders hearing. The Standing Orders are intended to address most issues concerning temporary orders and they will be enforced.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Tom Brown
Judge Presiding