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SPECIAL ORDER NO. _____

BEXAR COUNTY

STATE OF TEXAS



**DECORUM ORDER
BEXAR COUNTY CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS**

The Courts find that there is a need for the issuance of this Order which delineates the conduct which is considered appropriate and inappropriate in the Civil District Courts and adjunct staff offices. The Courts further find that this order shall apply to all litigants and other persons doing business with the Civil District Courts and staff offices which include the Bexar County District Clerk, Bexar County Staff Attorney's Office, Bexar County Children's Court, Family Drug Court, Early Intervention Program, Domestic Relations Office, Bexar County Law Library and the Bexar County Sheriff's Department bailiffs assigned to the Civil District Courts (hereinafter referred to as "staff offices").

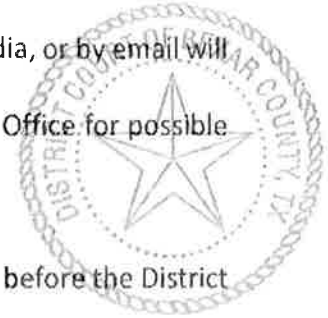
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. No litigant or other person with business in the Civil District Courts and staff offices, shall use language which is threatening, harassing, contains expletives or contains racial, ethnic, gender-related or religious slurs.
2. All litigants or other persons with business in the Civil District Courts and the staff offices, shall conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner when addressing the Judge of the Court and staff members.
3. When asked to leave the Court by a Judge or bailiff or, with respect to the staff offices, when asked to leave by supervisory staff, the litigant or other person with business before the Civil District Courts or staff offices, shall immediately leave that Courtroom or staff office.

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4. All litigants and persons with business before the District Courts and staff offices should be aware that threats against Judges or Staff verbally, in writing, on social media, or by email will result in the filing of an offense report and referral to the District Attorney's Office for possible prosecution.



IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should a litigant or person with business before the District Courts or staff offices, violate this Order, a Show Cause Order may be issued commanding the person alleged to have violated this order to appear before the Presiding Civil District Court and show cause why they should not be held in contempt.

A FINDING OF CONTEMPT MAY BE PUNISHED BY CONFINEMENT IN JAIL FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS, A FINE OF UP TO \$500 FOR EACH VIOLATION OR BOTH SUCH FINE AND CONFINEMENT IN JAIL. (Government Code sec. 21.002)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order shall be posted in every Civil District Court and all staff offices of the Civil District Courts.

SIGNED 8/28/19

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Michael E. Mery
JUDGE MICHAEL MERY
37TH DISTRICT COURT

Cathleen Stryker
JUDGE CATHLEEN STRYKER
224TH DISTRICT COURT

Mary Lou Alvarez
JUDGE MARY LOU ALVAREZ
45TH DISTRICT COURT

Peter Sakai
JUDGE PETER SAKAI
225TH DISTRICT COURT

Antonia Arteaga
JUDGE ANTONIA ARTEAGA
57TH DISTRICT COURT

Aaron Haas
JUDGE AARON HAAS
285TH DISTRICT COURT

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CERTIFIED COPY CERTIFICATE STATE OF TEXAS
I, MARY ANGIE GARCIA, BEXAR COUNTY DISTRICT
CLERK. CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE
AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD AS
INDICATED BY THE VOLUME, PAGE AND COURT ON
SAID DOCUMENT. WITNESSED MY OFFICIAL HAND
AND SEAL OF OFFICE ON THIS:



September 09, 2019

**MARY ANGIE GARCIA
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

By: _____

THOMAS D. ZIMMERMAN, Deputy District Clerk
(NOT VALID WITHOUT THE CLERK'S ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.)