

Sarah Loucks District Clerk, Bastrop County

IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS

OMNIBUS ORDER OF REFERRAL

Pursuant to Texas Family Code Section 201.011 et seq., the Texas Government Code Chapter 54A and Resolution 2022-01 passed by the Bastrop County Commissioners Court on September 26th, 2022,

The County Court at Law of Bastrop County, Texas does hereby refer to

Veronica Juarez-Dunne Associate Judge

all Family Law cases that are assigned to the County Court at Law of Bastrop County pursuant to the Order Relating to the Filing of Family Law Cases in Bastrop County, Texas dated May 19th, 2010, filed in the Bastrop District Clerk's Office on and after November 17th, 2022. This Order of Referral shall encompass the powers granted under the Texas Family Code and the Texas Government Code. This Order does not include protective order cases filed by the Bastrop County Criminal District Attorney's office, cases filed under the Juvenile Justice Code, or cases in which the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is a party. This Order does include Protective Order cases filed by parties other than the Bastrop County Criminal District Attorney's office.

Further, the County Court at Law of Bastrop County refers to the Associate Judge all cases appealed from any Justice Court of Bastrop County on or after the effective date of this Order.

A County Court at Law Judge may refer any case or portion of a case to an Associate Judge for resolution, including a trial on the merits. Unless a party files a written objection to the Associate Judge hearing a trial on the merits, the County Court at Law Judge may refer the trial to the Associate Judge. A party must file a separate objection no later than the 10th day after the date the party receives notice that the Associate Judge will hear the trial. No objection may be made to the referral of any other family law matter to an Associate Judge. A party may, however, file a request for a de novo hearing of an Associate Judge's decision within seven working days of receiving notice of said decision. Pending a de novo hearing before the referring Court, an order of the Associate Judge is in full force and effect and is enforceable as an order of the referring Court, except for an order providing for the appointment of a receiver. In the event of recusal or other disqualification of the Associate Judge in a case referred and assigned under this order, the case shall return automatically to the docket of the undersigned, subject to further order of the court.

Other cases may also be referred to the Associate Judge by the County Court at Law orally or by written order on an individual basis from time to time as necessary or convenient in the administration of the docket of the County Court at Law. Referral of a matter does not require a specific order of referral and may be deemed as referred by virtue of the execution of this Order.

This Order of Referral is effective as of the day of works,

2022.

JUDGE, County Court at Law

Bastrop County, Texas