

TIPS & TICKS FOR PRACTICE IN TARRANT COUNTY

1. TEMPORARY ORDERS
 - a. NO standing orders! Have to request TRO/Injunction - hearing in 14 days!
 - b. Court WILL grant reset if requested
 - c. Request for Relief – courts are now beginning to request these
 - d. Special Set upon request
 - e. Local rules/court rules
 - f. IVD cases stay in IVD court even when custody is in dispute
 - g. Chamber conferences upon request
2. NEW JUDGES
 - a. **233rd court:** Honorable Kenneth Newell, District Judge & Honorable Kate Stone, Associate
 - b. **322nd court:** Honorable James Mumford, District Judge & Honorable Jeffrey Kaitcer, Associate
 - c. **IVD#3** – Honorable Sean Cook
3. FAMILY COURT SERVICES
 - a. Located on the 3rd floor
 - b. Services: parenting coordination, child interviews, custody evaluations, supervised exchanges/visitation/community supervision; co-parent education;
4. CLERKS
 - a. Located on the 3rd floor
 - b. IV-D courts have their own – same floor
 - c. \$ - certified copies
 - d. Paperless! ***IN PROGRESS*
 - e. Document Production (citations)
 - f. Don't set hearings!
5. COORDINATORS
 - a. Even courts are located on 4th floor
 - b. Odd courts are located on the 5th floor
 - c. Most use email as best contact EXCEPT 324th coordinator – call her
 - d. Auxillary coordinator – Lisa L. Arnesen -llarnesen@tarrantcount.com
 - i. Handles all vacation letters
 - e. IVD#1 – Casey Northman – casey.northman@tarrantcounty.com
 - f. IVD #3 – Veronica Shiflet – nce_vshiflet@tarrantcounty.com (formerly #1)
 - g. 360th – Brittini Macias - bdmacias@tarrantcounty.com
6. TARRANT COUNTY FAMILY LAW BAR
 - a. President: Dana Manry – Dana@koonfuller.com
 - b. Facebook
7. Extra tips
 - a. NOH requires signature line
 - b. All courts will do prove ups b/w 8-8:30am each day
 - c. 233rd requires client to appear at pretrial conferences
 - d. Most courts will sign an agreed divorce w/no kids w/o prove up