

S.O. 2002-001

IN RE:
DOCKET CONTROL, CASE
ASSIGNMENTS, DOCKET
TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO
STATUTE, AND RELATED
MATTERS

§ IN THE STATUTORY COUNTY
COURTS AND STATUTORY
§ PROBATE COURT OF
§ DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS

FILE FOR RECORD
DENTON COUNTY CLERK

MAY 10 2002

CYNTHIA MITCHELL
DEPUTY

STANDING ORDER

This ORDER amends and supersedes, to the extent of conflict, the provisions of S.O. 92-46, S. O. 93-011, S.O. 94-021 or other Orders related to Docket Control and Case Management of the Statutory County and Probate Courts of Denton County.

On the 23RD day of April, 2002, came on to be considered by the presiding Judges of the County Courts of Denton County, Texas, en banc, administrative matters which shall supersede all other Orders in conflict herewith to wit:

1. Effective May 1st, 2002, pursuant to applicable statutes, all new original general civil cases (except those related to probate, guardianship, trust, or real estate titles), bond forfeitures, Justice Court appeals, TABC applications and/or Occupational License applications shall be filed exclusively in County Court at Law No. 2 except as provided hereinafter. Any prior Order directing the filing of these matters in the Probate Court of Denton County or any other County Court is hereby vacated.
2. Effective May 1, 2002, all existing general civil cases (GC, TI), bond forfeiture cases (BF), appeals from Justice of the Peace Courts (JA), T.A.B.C. applications (BW), and occupational drivers license cases (OL) are transferred to the County Court at Law No. 2, save and except for any general civil litigation involving trusts and real estate

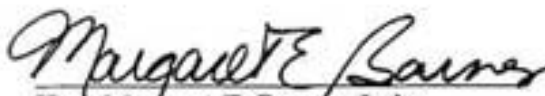
title issues not ancillary to probate matters, which are specifically reserved and retained by the Statutory Probate Court, pursuant to Sec 25.0635, Govt. Code, and shall be remitted to the Statutory Probate Court, from time to time, even if erroneously transferred to County Court at Law No. 2. Such cases shall be reclassified from GC or TI to designator RT upon remand to the Probate Court.

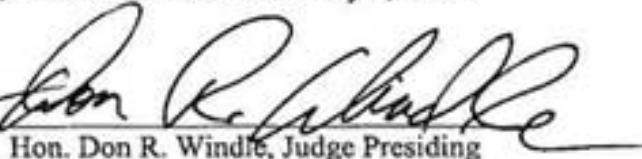
3. Until further Order of the Probate Court Judge and subject to approval of the Juvenile Board, the Court Master/Associate Judge of the Probate Court is hereby assigned by the Judge of the Probate Court to conduct all matters assigned by the Juvenile Court to the Master serving as referee pursuant to the Texas Family Code. The Court Master/Associate Judge is assigned each Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until such matters are completed or until noon, whichever comes first. The Deputy Court Reporter of the Probate Court is also assigned in the same manner. The Presiding Judge of the Probate Court reserves the judicial time of the Court Master/Associate Judge, Monday through Thursday after 1:00 p.m. and for the entire day on Friday.
4. Probate Court Judge, also until further Orders, if any, assigns the Court Master/ Associate Judge on a time available basis to conduct indigent determinations and appointment of counsel on behalf of all courts handling criminal cases utilizing the system for such matters as supervised by the local and administrative judge or judges.
5. Notwithstanding any order or provision to the contrary, the Statutory Probate Court has and retains jurisdiction over eminent domain matters, all probate matters, including decedents estates, guardianships and litigation matters ancillary thereto, mental health matters, trust and

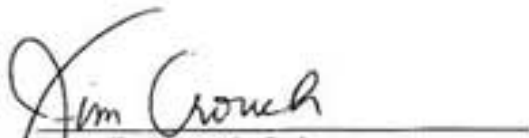
real estate title cases whether or not ancillary to probate matters currently filed in the Statutory Probate Court. Retained designations/classifications are IE, IA, DA, UP, GM, GA, MH, ED (existing classifications) and RT (new classification).


It is the intent of the undersigned judges that this order be implemented by the Denton County Statutory Courts and Statutory Probate Court and is intended to be fully effective with respect to all future cases including previously filed and pending cases upon the effective date of County Court at Law No. 2 of Denton County, Texas.

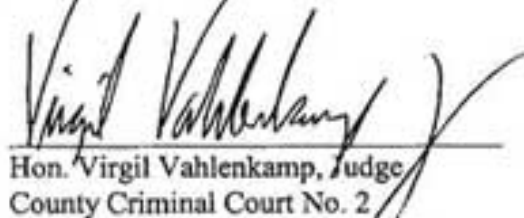
SIGNED this the 23rd day of April, 2002 to be effective on May 1, 2002.



Hon. Margaret E. Barnes, Judge
County Court at Law #2


Hon. Don R. Windle, Judge Presiding
Statutory Probate Court
Local Administrative Judge Probate Court



Hon. Jim Crouch, Judge
County Criminal Court No. 1


Hon. David Garcia, Judge
County Criminal Court No. 3
Local Administrative Judge -
Statutory County Courts


Hon. Virgil Vahlenkamp, Judge
County Criminal Court No. 2


Hon. Darlene Whitten, Judge
County Court at Law #1
Chair, Juvenile Board


Hon. Joe Bridges, Judge
County Criminal Court No. 4


Hon. Richard Podgorski, Judge
County Criminal Court No. 5