

§ *IN THE DISTRICT COURT*
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§ *309TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT*
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§ *HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS*

Standing Order Regarding Self-Represented Litigants

To assist the Court in conducting its uncontested docket in an efficient manner, IT IS ORDERED that self-represented litigants in uncontested family law cases filed in the 309th District Court may have their proposed final orders reviewed by the Harris County Domestic Relations Office (DRO).

Required criteria:

- *A petition for divorce, a suit affecting parent child relationship, or other family law case is currently pending in Harris County.*
- *The suit is uncontested, either by agreement (decree/order is signed by the other party) or default (other party has signed a global waiver or has been served and failed to file an answer following the prescribed time-period); and*
- *Neither party to the suit is presently represented by an attorney.*

For cases meeting the above criteria that are ready to be finalized, the self-represented litigant(s) shall contact the Domestic Relations Office, Legal Services Division (713-274-7301) to request a review.

As available, the DRO staff attorney shall review the final order/decree, any necessary attachments, and any other necessary documents. When satisfied the forms are complete, the attorney shall provide the self-represented litigant with a completed *Uncontested Docket Checklist*. The DRO staff attorneys do not provide legal advice or represent the self-represented litigant(s).

The litigant presenting the suit shall provide the *Uncontested Docket Checklist* to the court immediately prior to prove-up or submission.

IT IS SO ORDERED on this the 13 day of April 2022.



Judge Presiding