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§ NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS

INFORMATION FOR PRO SE LITIGANTS

When you are ready to set your case for final hearing, please file a blank Notice of Hearing with the Navarro County District Clerk's Office. It will be your responsibility to follow up with the District Clerk's Office on your setting request. Once you receive the setting, it will then be your responsibility to provide notice to all parties entitled to such notice.

DO NOT ASK TO SET YOUR CASE FOR FINAL HEARING UNTIL:

- 1) A signed and notarized Waiver of Service has been filed with the District Clerk; or
- 2) The respondent has been served with citation and the citation has been filed with the clerk for the amount of time necessary; and
- 3) A Final Divorce Decree or an Order In Suit Affecting The Parent Child Relationship is prepared and in hand and/or filed.

If you are representing yourself (Pro Se) in a divorce or in a Suit Affecting The Parent-Child Relationship, please understand the following: At the time of the hearing, you must be prepared to prove up all of the necessary elements to obtain your divorce or your requested modification. If you are not prepared to do so on the date of your setting, your hearing will be reset. You must present a complete Decree or Order that settles all issues. The Court will not review the Decree or Order for completion and will not confirm that the Decree or Order is properly drafted. You cannot rely on the Court signing the Decree or Order as a representation that the Decree or Order is accurate and actually settles all of the issues as you wish or that it adequately covers all of the issues you have a right to have covered.

If you are thinking about handling your legal matter by yourself (Pro Se), without an attorney, make sure that you fully understand all of the steps involved. Further, make sure you understand your legal rights. **You will be solely responsible for protecting yourself.**

Only a licensed attorney is allowed to give you legal advice. Neither the Judge, nor any of the courthouse staff, can give you legal advice. You are encouraged to hire a lawyer to protect your rights.

Please note that in a divorce, the case cannot be finalized if the wife is pregnant at the time of the final hearing.

Further, in a divorce, if a child has been the subject of a prior Court Order either here or in another county, the prior court case must be transferred to this Court and/or consolidated with the divorce case.

Ordered this the 1 day of December, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Putman', written over a horizontal line.

Amanda D. Putman
Judge, County Court at Law