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# WHO WE ARE

## AND WHAT WE DO

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- Establishing Child Support
- Establishing Spousal Support
- High Net Worth Divorce
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- Modifications
- AND MUCH MORE

# A Divorced Parent's Guide: Summer Visitation

By Evan Hochschild | Attorney and VIP Contributor



If you're a parent with a divorce finalized at the end of this school year, you've probably been acclimating yourself to a different schedule with regard to summer time with your child. Whether you are the parent with whom your child resides with primarily or you're the parent who has visitation throughout the year, life as a divorced parent is different than life as you once knew it. Some divorce decrees follow the Standard Possession Order (SPO) based on the Texas Family Code. Others have detailed visitation guidelines that deviate from the standard when it comes to the summer possession of the child. Either way, it can be difficult to remember, understand and plan for a

summer when you're not exactly clear on when you are supposed to have your child and for how long.

The Law Office of Bryan Fagan, PLLC would like to walk you through some of the essential pieces of information necessary to take advantage of and enjoy the time you are allotted during the summer with your child. Part of that enjoyment is not upsetting the balance that you must now share with your ex-spouse in terms of dividing the summer up between both of you.

## Texas Standard Possession Order

Most divorced families follow pretty closely the Texas Standard Possession Order. Within this Order, there are certain notice requirements that must be followed in order to take full advantage of the time you are allowed to be in possession of your child.

First, the "non-primary" parent has the choice to choose a thirty-day period during the summer if they provide written notice to the primary parent by April 1st. The parent can also break up the thirty days into two parts.

If you have a divorce decree, you can look at the section detailing summer visitation and see what date you are required to provide notice if you are the non-primary parent. The majority of divorce decrees in Texas will utilize April 1st as the deadline. If you do not provide written notice of your intention to take advantage of the thirty days, then by default you are provided possession of your child for the month of July.

April 15th is also a key date for divorced parents to put in their calendars each year. This is the date that the primary parent must provide written notice to the non-primary parent regarding their intention to take advantage of one weekend during the non-primary parent's thirty-day period of possession.

The primary parent is given this ability because thirty days is a long time for a child to be away from one of their parents. This way, theoretically, the primary parent wouldn't have to go any longer than two weeks without seeing their child.

## Extended Summer Possession for a Primary Parent

If you are the parent with whom the child lives primarily during the school year, do not worry that you will not be able to have an opportunity to take a vacation with your child. Just remember that the non-primary parent is to provide written notice to the primary parent of his or her intended period of possession by April 1st. If he or she does not provide notice by this date and is defaulted into possession of the child in July, it is likely that the primary parent's period of possession would take place during the first couple weeks of either June or August. This is because the primary parent has the ability to choose one weekend that falls outside of the non-primary parent's period of possession to have the child.

## What about Father's Day?

Father's Day Weekend, almost without exception, goes to the father after a divorce. This weekend comes in addition to the time a father is allotted under a Standard Possession Order, regardless if he is the primary or non-primary parent of the child. It is considered a holiday which takes precedence over other periods of possession as a result.

## What if my ex-spouse denies me possession of my child during the summer?

If you have thoroughly reviewed your divorce decree, provided the requisite notice to your ex-spouse stating your chosen periods of possession and you are still denied the ability to see your child when the time comes, you have the option to pursue an enforcement case against your former spouse.

An enforcement is a remedy available to parents if the other parent violates a provision in an order. While it is understandable to an extent if a person misapplies or misunderstands a portion of a divorce decree, it is not an excuse to violate an order.

If this scenario fits your circumstances, you should consider hiring an attorney to file the enforcement for you. An enforcement is a very specific kind of legal suit that has certain requirements that must be met in your court documents. Therefore, if the documents fail to state a violation in a particular way, or is too aggressive in its request for relief, then your suit can be denied by a judge. Penalties for violating a court's order include attorney's fees, court costs and the possibility of jail time.

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# Standard Possession Order



# Calender







# I Have Been Sued, Can They Take my Property?

By Amir Tavakkoli | A.T. Law Office, Houston, TX

In today's age where lawsuits and suing someone for monetary damages has become more common than ever before, a time when attempting to resolve disputes without the involvements of attorneys, judges, and jurors has almost become a lost art, it's important to consider what happens in the event a lawsuit is filed against you, and more importantly if you lose and a monetary judgment is ordered against you. Let's take a look at what creditors can and cannot get from you in Texas in the event they obtain a judgment.

## **Texas is judgment friendly:**

Let's start with the good news, Texas is one of the more judgment proof cases in the United States, I will discuss this more in detail below. I am in no way recommending not defending a lawsuit if you find out you are judgment proof, because things can change (you can wake up tomorrow and find out you are the new winner of a \$500 million lottery ticket), but it's good to have some inner calm in knowing that if you are sued over something crazy and lost, the creditor or the winner of the judgment, also known as plaintiff, will not be able to take your life away; here is why:

## **Wage Garnishment:**

More good news: unlike many states, creditors are not able to garnish your wages on a judgment you owe. The few exceptions are if you owe child support, taxes, student loans, and alimony.

## **Home Exemption:**

Your personal homestead is usually always exempt from collection (unless you have a mortgage, or behind on property taxes, and a couple of other minor exceptions). However, for this exemption to apply, your homestead must be on land no bigger than 10 acres in an urban area, and no bigger than 100 acres (or 200 for a family) in a rural area. Yeah, I wish I lived on land bigger than 200 acres.



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### **Personal Vehicle:**

Yes, creditors won't be able to take your car. Rest assured that each person who has a license is entitled to one car that is exempt from collection, and if you don't have a license and you rely on someone to drive for you, you still get the exemption.

### **Personal Property:**

Personal property of up to \$50,000.00 for a single adult, and \$100,000.00 for a family are also exempt from any creditor's claims.

### **Others:**

It's a long list, but it's mostly retirement or pension accounts (call for more details).

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### **Misc:**

I previously talked about car accidents and if someone sues you as a result, your insurance is generally liable for paying the fees. This does not mean you are exempt, but that someone else is required to pay.



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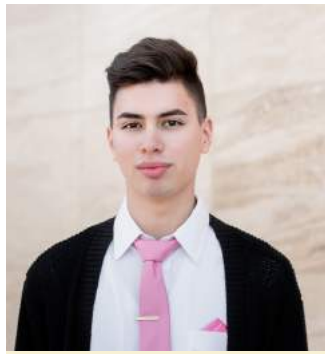


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# MEET

## Daniel Ogbeide

### Attorney

Daniel was born in Benin City, Nigeria. He moved to the United States in 2002 to begin a new life. Daniel graduated from the City College of New York with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Cum Laude.

His passion for law and justice led him to study law at Loyola University New Orleans. He became a member of the Texas Bar in 2013. That same year he received a Master of Law degree from Boston University. He enjoys meeting people from various backgrounds.

Before joining the Law Office of Bryan Fagan, PLLC, Daniel taught middle school Social Studies at Houston Independent School District. He is passionate about the legal process, and loves helping clients' go through the difficulty of the process. He takes his clients' matter seriously.

When he is not working on his clients' cases, Daniel loves to laugh. He enjoys spending time with his wife and kids.

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## Dating During a Divorce in Texas: To Do or Not to Do?

By Evan Hochschild | Attorney and VIP Contributor

There are lots of reasons to get a divorce. I meet with folks that have gone through serious problems in their marriages over the course of many years. These people have sought counseling, therapy and everything in between to help them work on their problems in the hope of salvaging their marriage. Still other people have been married for just a few months when they come to realize that the person that they married is not who he or she made themselves out to be and now a divorce is probably for the best.

Wherever you fall on the spectrum of divorces that I outlined above, understand that in the state of Texas you can get a divorce for any reason- or no reason- at all. Texas is what is known as a “no fault” divorce state, which means that you do not have to cite a specific ground for your divorce in your Original Petition for Divorce. While you certainly can tell the judge that you want a divorce because your spouse abused or you or abandoned you, for the most part simple conflict of personalities leads to most divorces in Texas.

You may be wondering- if you can get a divorce for no reason at all then what is the benefit of stating a

specific reason for wanting a divorce? We will discuss the topic of adultery and how that can impact your case before we transition into some points I would like to make on dating during your divorce case.

### **Adultery can impact your divorce case significantly**

If your spouse commits adultery against you then you have it within your power as a citizen of Texas to not only request a divorce from your spouse but to request what is known as a disproportionate share of the community estate that you and your spouse own together. Let’s break this down a little so that we understand what I mean by “disproportionate” and “community estate”.

Disproportionate refers to simply a greater than fifty percent share of the community estate. The community estate encompasses property that you and your spouse acquired during your marriage. All property is presumed to be community property in Texas. This means that unless you or your spouse put forth evidence showing the property is owned by one of you separately, it will fall into the category of



community property for the purposes of your divorce.

The reason that this is the case is that the state of Texas acknowledges that sometimes infidelity can not only be a breaking of the bond of trust between you and your spouse but it can also be a breaking of the financial bond between you and your spouse. For example, if your spouse took out sums of money from your joint bank account to pay for a trip for him and his paramour to take then this is going to affect how a judge awards the remaining portion of your community estate in the divorce case.

### **When does dating become adultery?**

Just because you have filed for divorce from your spouse does not mean that you are no longer married to that person. Until your judge signs their name to the final orders in your case (known as a Final Decree of Divorce) you are not divorced. This means that if you were to start dating another person during your divorce a court could consider this to be infidelity and it could trigger the sort of analysis we just went through regarding a division of your community state in a manner that does not favor you.

At the very least, a court can order that any money your spouse spent on their paramour must be reimbursed to your community estate even if a disproportionate award of community property does not come into play.

### **Dating during divorce: Stay away until the ink has dried on your Final Decree of divorce**

Your divorce case will not be fun. You probably already knew this but I am here to confirm that

suspicion for you. No matter what sort of circumstances you have apparent in your life it will not be easy to go through your divorce. This is true even for spouses that get along fairly well and do not have a ton of simmering anger or resentment towards the other under the surface of their case.

If you are considering whether or not you should begin a relationship during your divorce I am here to argue against doing so. The challenges that you will encounter as a result of entering into a dating relationship with another person during your divorce will cause issues that are completely avoidable. While you may feel like you are emotionally ready to start dating you may not be. Secondly, no matter if you are or are not a judge is not going to look favorably upon your doing so- especially if you have children.

I have learned through my years of representing people in divorces that it is more common than you would think for people to casually mention that he or she is dating someone even before their divorce has begun. While you may think that your circumstances allow for a relationship to continue into a divorce case I can promise you that they do not.

### **What does your spouse know?**

On the other hand, our office has represented many spouses who are fully aware that their husband or wife has been carrying on an extramarital affair for some time before either person became serious about moving towards a divorce. If you and your spouse have been separated this love triangle may have functioned well enough, but the arrangement will cause problems for you in a divorce.

Problems do not only mean that your spouse will be

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## Free / Low Cost *Happenings in Houston*

### June 9 - **Sunday's In the Park**

Location: Discovery Green

Time: All June Sundays, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### June 13 - **Free Vaccinations @ the Children's Museum** - every 2nd Thursday through June

Location: 1500 Binz St, Houston, TX 77004

Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### June 15 - **Houston Food Festival**

Location: 2811 Travis St. Houston Texas 77002

Time: 12:00 pm - 10:00 pm

### June 15 - **Minion Madness (Children's Museum)**

Location: 1500 Binz St, Houston, TX 77004

Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

### June 22 - **LGBT Pride Celebration**

Location: 901 Bagby St. Houston Texas 77002

Time: 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm

### June 29 - **Bank Of America - Screen on the Green (Mean Girls Movie)**

Location: Discovery Green

Time: 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

### June 30 - **Disney's Aladdin**

June 26 - July 14

Location: The Hobby Center

Time: Various times

### July 4 - **Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular at CityCentre**

Location: 800 Town and Country Blvd, Houston, TX, 77024

Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

### July 4 - **Fireworks- Kings Harbor**

Location: 1660 W Lake Houston Pkwy, Kingwood, TX, 77345

Time: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

### July 12 - **Family Star Viewing**

Location: Houston Museum of Natural Science

5555 Hermann Park Dr, Houston, TX, 77030

Time: 7:00 am - 11:00 pm

Cost: Members: \$20 Non-Members: \$30

### July 26 - **Museum of Natural Science**

Location: 5555 Hermann Park Dr, Houston, TX, 77030

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Cost: \$11.10

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upset and angry with you, but those emotions will likely translate into a longer and more highly contested case. Translation: extramarital relationship = anger = lengthier and more contested divorce = much more money spent on your divorce than is probably necessary.

### **What do you need to tell your divorce attorney about regarding a spouse's relationship?**

Whatever you know about your spouse's relationship with another person needs to be disclosed to your attorney no matter

how embarrassing it may be. Don't think that something isn't relevant to your discussion. Let your attorney make that determination. How much money has your spouse spent on this person? Do you have bank account records and transactions to back up what you saying? If you have limited access to this sort of information you can request documents on these subjects in discovery.

### **A judge may not be that harsh, but your spouse will**

Keep in mind that very few divorce cases in Texas actually go to trial. This means that the judge in your case will likely never make any decisions regarding subject matter associated with your or your spouse's dating activities during your marriage. When you attempt to settle your case outside of court you will be asking the person who was wronged by your actions to settle your case in a fair manner. I think you can tell that this will not be easy and your spouse will have little to no desire to work with you if you have wronged him or her by dating another person during your marriage.

The bottom line is that the person you want to have a relationship with during your marriage will likely be just as available and interested after your divorce has concluded. Do not add fuel to the fire of your divorce by engaging with him or her while your case is pending. Your life will be made immeasurably more complicated by doing so.

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# Resources

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***Marriage & Family Therapist, MA,  
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Issues:  
Divorce, Life  
Transitions,  
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Age: Adults

### **Session Cost**

\$60 - \$70

### **Location**

Memorial  
Family  
Connections  
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## ***Divorce Care Church Group***



### **Location**

First Metropolitan Church  
8870 West Sam Houston Parkway N.,  
Houston, TX 77040  
Meeting Room #102

### **Time**

Monday's at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Registration Fee: \$20 (includes  
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Mon, June 17, 2019

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Sheraton North Houston  
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PM

### **Cost**

\$40  
Pre-registration  
\$50 at the door

# ***What People Are Saying About Us!***

## ***Linda- Divorce Client Rated 5 stars on Google***

After a failed attempt at a collaborative process, I was referred to Bryan Fagan. His direction, knowledge of family/divorce law and attention to detail clearly led the way towards my final divorce. I appreciated that Bryan did not take advantage of my financial situation and respected what my needs were and met every one of them. Bryan's legal assistant was also key in making sure that the details of my divorce were executed properly as well. While other law offices do not offer direct access to the attorneys, Bryan was very accessible. This accessibility was of extreme value to me as I felt comfortable discussing all my options based on each aspect of the divorce and receive direct and informed responses. Thank you Bryan for making a difficult situation a little more manageable.

## ***Heather- Client Rated 5 stars on BBB***

Bryan promptly answered all questions and concerns that we had during the court hearing process to adjust alimony. He was very prepared, knowledgeable and I felt I was very well represented during the hearing and was very fair. Bryan won my case with the results that we hired him for. I highly recommend Bryan and would use him without hesitation again.

## ***Darron- Client Rated 5 Stars on Google***

The consultation was free and I did not feel rushed and explained my situation and what I expected. All of my questions were answered and I did not feel rushed during the consultation. I was given plenty of information to explain things and I look forward to retaining the Law Office of Bryan Fagan.

## ***Vanessa- Divorce Client Rated 5 stars on AVVO***

After a bad experience with another attorney, I was scared I would have another bad experience. However, Bryan has a very calming presence and took the time to listen and understand my case. He is extremely knowledgeable of the law. I really like him and his staff.

## ***Leo- Client Rated 5 stars on Google***

I have worked with this group many times. I am very satisfied with the competency of the staff, they are always prompt and knowledgeable. They go above and beyond the call of duty to get things done. Mollie Levar is very knowledgeable and will find the answer for you if she doesn't know the answer. The lawyers at this firm actually listen to the needs of the family and especially the needs of the children involved in the cases. I would highly recommend any of my friends to contact this firm if they ever need a family lawyer.





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Many times when we consult with people considering divorce, we see many emotions: scared, stressed, hurt, overwhelmed, resentful, hurt...they range from one end of the spectrum to the other.

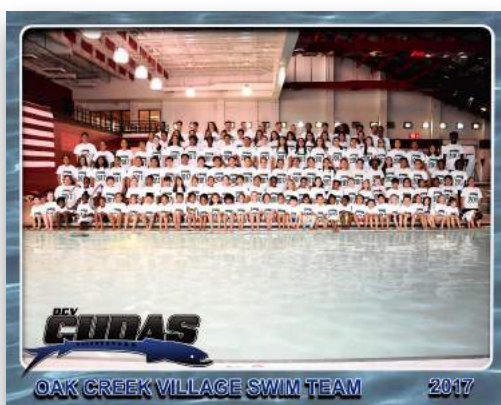
The Law Office of Bryan Fagan created Divorce 101 as a tool to help those considering divorce find the answers to the many questions they may have.

We find when people are informed and understand the process, they tend to feel a little less scared and intimidated about what's to come.

We hope Divorce 101 will help you, and if you have any additional questions or concerns, we encourage you to book a free consultation with one of our family law attorneys by calling 281-377-3548 or visiting [bryanfagan.com](http://bryanfagan.com).

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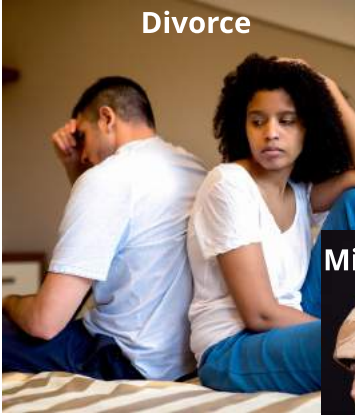
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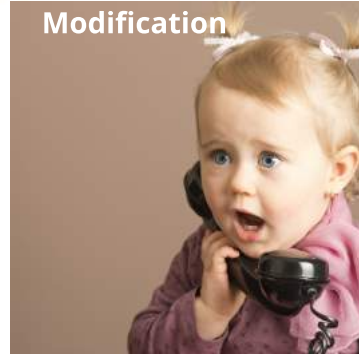
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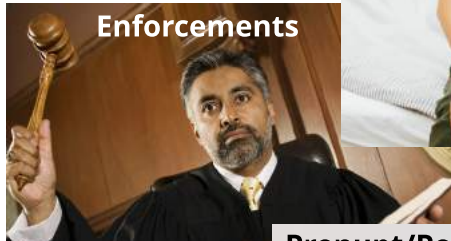
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# *Talk Like a Lawyer*

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## **1. Final Decree-**

The Final Decree of Divorce is the document, signed by the judge, which holds the legal “rules” and terms of your divorce. It is often a few dozen pages in length and will designate how issues of both property and parenting shall be handled now that the parties are no longer married.

## **2. JMC: Joint Managing Conservators-**

This is the most common custody situation, accounting for more than 90% of all parental relationships. In this arrangement, both parents have associated rights and duties, and can make decisions regarding the welfare of the child.

## **3. SMC: Sole Managing Conservators-**

Sole Managing Conservatorship is the less common custody arrangement. In this scheme, only one parent has decision making power for the child, and visitation for the other parent is usually limited and/or supervised.



#### **4. Mediation-**

Mediation is a process by which parties may come to an “out-of-court” agreement. A mediation is run by a disinterested third party, who will work to help both sides come to an agreement that will likely be better than what either side could have expected from a judge’s decision.

#### **5. MSA: Mediated Settlement Agreement**

A Mediated Settlement Agreement is a (somewhat) short document which lays out any agreements the parties have made in a mediation. Once this document is signed, it is a binding legal force.

#### **6. Motion-**

Whenever we want to ask the court to take any action, we make a motion to the court. For instance, a request that the court take genetic testing to determine who the father of a child is could be called “A Motion for Genetic Testing.”

#### **7. SPO: Standard Possession Order-**

The Standard Possession Order is the most common visitation schedule in custody agreements. It is commonly referred to as a “First, Third, and Fifth”, or “Every other weekend” schedule. The schedule is extensive, and provides visitation for weekends, holidays, and summer visitation. We have an SPO calendar in this magazine every month for your convenience!

#### **8. OAG: Office of the Attorney General-**

The Office of the Attorney General gets involved in cases where one party may owe back child support, or when state funds are being used, such as when children are on state-run insurance programs, or food assistance services. They work for the state and have their own set of rules and regulations they must follow.

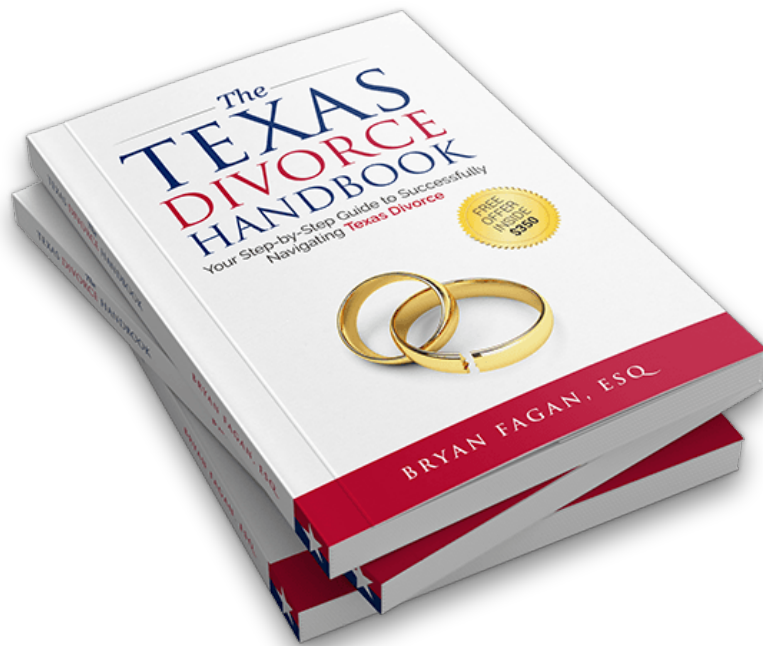
#### **9. Order-**

When the court makes a ruling in a case, that ruling comes in the form of an order. If a Motion is one party asking the court for some action, the Order is the Court’s response to that request.

#### **10. Petition-**

A Petition is usually the first document which has to be filed in a case. It is the original pleading, which informs the court of who is to take part in the case, and what the case will be about.

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