

# **Resolution Regarding Civility in the Courtroom**

**Whereas**, the Judiciary of the Eighth Judicial District Court Family Division have determined that candor, courtesy and cooperation are extremely important in Family Division matters;

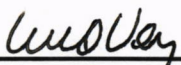
**Whereas**, permitting any adverse emotional climate to infect the relations between the attorneys and parties in the Courthouse inevitably harms everyone, including the clients, their children and other family members; and

**Whereas**, candor, courtesy and cooperation: (1) facilitate faster, less costly and mutually-accepted resolution of disputes; (2) reduce stress for lawyers, staff and clients; (3) reduce waste of judicial time; and (4) generate respect for the court system, the individual attorney and the profession as a whole.

**Now, Therefore**, we, the Judiciary of the Eighth Judicial District Court Family Division, agree that the following rules of professional cooperation shall be enforced in every courtroom in the Family Division:

1. *Attorneys and litigants shall, at all times, demonstrate respect for the opposing attorney, litigant and the Court;*
2. *Attorneys and litigants shall be adequately prepared for each court appearance;*
3. *Attorneys and litigants shall permit the opposing party to present their arguments without interruption (no objections during argument);*
4. *Attorneys and litigants shall refrain from excessively repeating facts or arguments;*
5. *Attorneys and litigants shall refrain from personal attacks on the opposing attorney or litigant;*
6. *Attorneys and litigants shall address all comments to the Judge and not to the opposing attorney or litigant;*
7. *Attorneys and litigants shall maintain control over their emotions;*

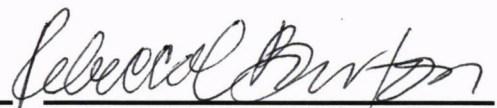
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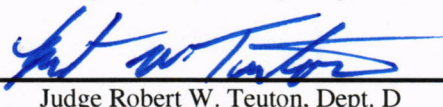
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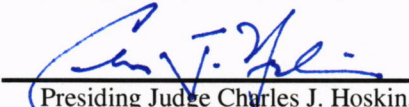
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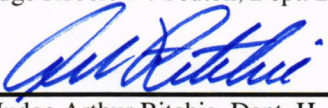
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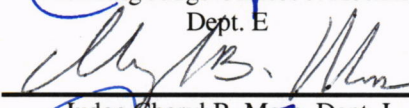
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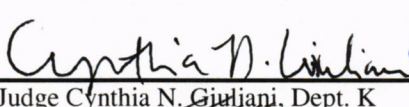
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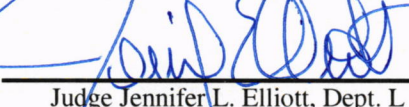
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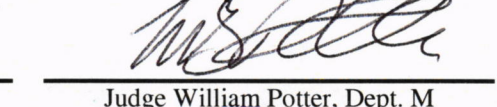
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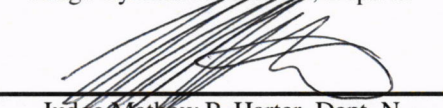
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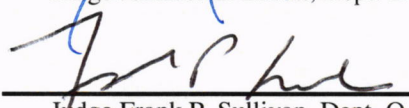
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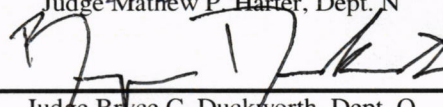
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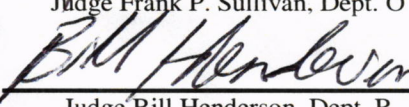
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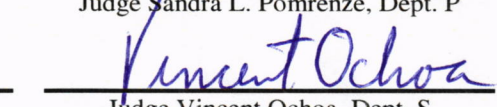
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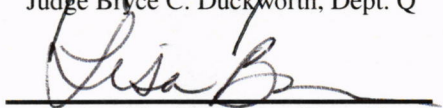
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