

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE COWETA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA
CARROLL, COWETA, HEARD, MERIWETHER & TROUP COUNTIES**

Petitioner	§	
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vs.	§	COUNTY
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	§	CASE NO. _____
Respondent	§	
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STANDING ORDER NUMBER 3

IN RE: DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS

This Standing order is entered in conformity with O.C.G.A. §19-1-1 and Uniform Superior Court Rules 1.2 and 24.8, and shall apply to all domestic relations actions. A copy of this order shall be served on the adverse party along with the petition in every case. Should the petitioner fail or refuse to serve the adverse party with a copy of this standing order, the adverse party will not be bound, but, by filing the petition, the petitioner shall be bound.

(a) The term “domestic relations action” shall include any action for divorce, alimony, equitable division of assets and liabilities, child custody, child support, legitimation, annulment, determination of paternity, termination of parental rights in connection with an

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adoption proceeding filed in a superior court, any contempt proceeding relating to enforcement of a decree or order in a prior domestic relations action, a petition in respect to modification of a decree or order in a prior domestic relations action, an action on a foreign judgment based on alimony or child support, and adoption. The term "domestic relations action" shall also include any direct or collateral attack on a judgment or order entered in any such action.

(b) Upon notice, this order binds the parties in such case, their agents, servants, and employees, and all other persons acting in concert with them, and such persons are hereby enjoined and restrained in the following particulars:

(1) From unilaterally causing or permitting the minor child or children of the parties to be removed from the jurisdiction of the Coweta Judicial Circuit (which is comprised of Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Meriwether and Troup Counties) without the permission of the court, except in an emergency which has been created by the other party to the action;

(2) From doing or attempting to do or threatening to do any act which injures, maltreats, vilifies, molests, or harasses or which may, upon judicial determination, constitute threats,

harassment, or stalking the adverse party or the child or children of the parties or any act which constitutes a violation of other civil or criminal laws of this state; and,

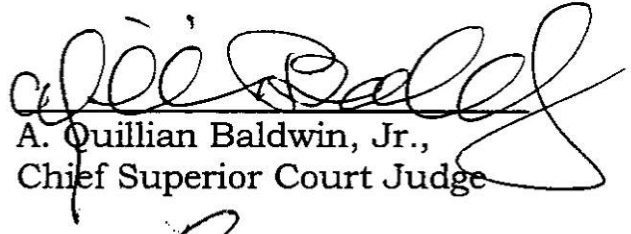
(3) From selling, encumbering, trading, contracting to sell, or otherwise disposing of or removing from the jurisdiction of the court, without the permission of the court, any of the property belonging to the parties except in the ordinary course of business or except in an emergency which has been created by the other party to the action.

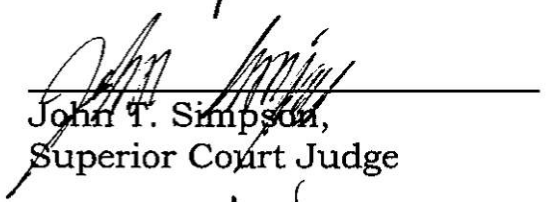
(c) In the event custody or visitation of a child or children is put in issue by the pleadings, the parties shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of the petition, attend and complete a program designed to educate the parties regarding the effects of a divorce upon the children of the marriage. The following programs are approved by the Court: *“Children of Divorce”*, *“Children of Divorce Education”*, *“Parents Forever”*, *“Parenting Through Divorce”*, and *“Positive Parenting Through Divorce”*. The parties may also satisfy this requirement by attending some other similar program, whether within or outside the State of Georgia; provided, however, that before attending such other program, the party seeking approval shall file a motion requesting

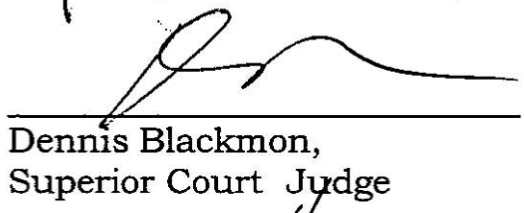
approval, which motion shall include a syllabus setting forth the content of the program sought to be approved, and be accompanied by a proposed order with the option to allow the assigned judge to either grant the motion and approve the proposed program or to deny the motion. Proof of compliance with this paragraph shall be filed with the Clerk of Superior Court.

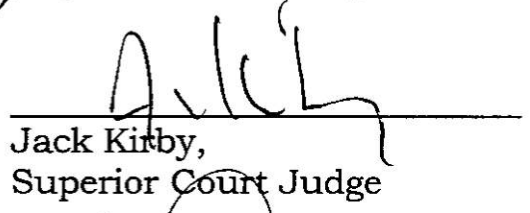
Upon written motion of a party, the standing order provided for in this Code section shall be reviewed by the court at any rule nisi hearing.

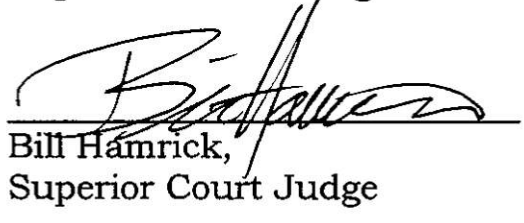
SO ORDERED this 12 day of February, 2014.

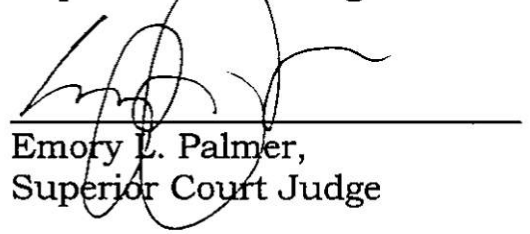

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