

**SUPPLEMENT TO OMNIBUS POTTER, RANDALL AND ARMSTRONG
OMNIBUS ORDER FOR CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW LITIGANTS
ISSUED MARCH 19, 2020**

Subsequent to the Courts having issued its omnibus order, the Texas Supreme Court provided the following emergency order:

[Seventh Emergency Order](#) (Issued March 24) – clarifies that existing trial court orders control when determining a person’s right to possession of and access to a child in a Suit Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship and that possession of and access to a child is not affected by any shelter-in-place order or other order restricting movement issued by a government entity. Permits parties to alter possession by agreement if allowed by the court order(s) and courts to modify their orders on an emergency basis or otherwise.

On the basis of such directive, the District and County Courts at Law will entertain as “essential matters” actions to enforce existing Orders in Suits Affecting the Parent Child Relationship regarding possession of children, including motions for contempt, requests by way of habeas corpus relief, make-up possession and other judicial remedies consistent with the stated Supreme Court Emergency Order set forth above.