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To: Travis County CPS Docket Stakeholders

From: The Honorable Darlene Byrne, Judge, 126th Judicial District Court

Re: Protocols for Dealing with Immigration Attorneys

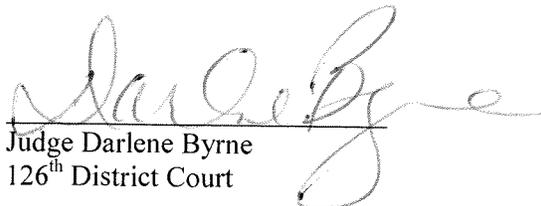
Dear CPS Docket Stakeholders:

We are very fortunate in Travis County to have the assistance of Pro Bono attorneys Thomas Esparza and Jacqueline Watson who assist with handling Special Immigrant Juvenile Status matters for children who are in the conservatorship of DFPS.

Please be respectful of these attorneys' time in recognition of the fact that they are providing a Pro Bono service to the Court and the children.

If you have a case on which you would like immigration assistance, please do not contact these attorneys directly in the first instance. Instead, please petition the Court for appointment of an immigration attorney through a properly filed and tendered motion. If Mr. Esparza / Ms. Watson are appointed, please do not contact them directly or provide them with unsolicited files or documents. The Court will contact them directly and provide them with the documents they need. These attorneys will contact you if they require your assistance. Once their work is done on your case, I am happy to also be notified of that fact so that I can discontinue their service properly through a court order, if one is tendered to me for signing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Judge Darlene Byrne
126th District Court