

Judge Graves-Harrington's Side of the Story

Unedited, just as she wrote to me.

From: Angela Graves-Harrington

Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 12:53 AM

To: Greg Enos <greg@enoslaw.com>

Subject: Re: Amended Administrative Order on Transfer of Docket

Dear Mr. Enos,

Thank you again for reaching out to me. I appreciate your effort to ensure fairness and accuracy in your reporting.

I do not take lightly the enormous honor it is to serve the citizens of Harris County, and I want to directly address any concerns regarding my presence on the bench. For the past seven and a half years, I have been a deeply dedicated public servant. Outside of the time required to heal from the most devastating personal loss of my life, I routinely work over 50 hours a week, including weekends.

My commitment to the judiciary is reflected in my work both inside and outside the courtroom. I was unanimously appointed to the Texas Supreme Court Children's Commission and elected by my peers nationwide to the Board of Directors for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Locally, my fellow family judges elected me four times to serve as their Administrative Judge. Furthermore, my court was selected as one of only five nationwide to serve as an NCJFCJ Implementation Site Pilot Court. I have utilized the knowledge from these roles to transform the 246th into a trauma-informed and trauma-responsive court. I share these milestones not to boast, but to emphasize that I am no stranger to hard work, and I have never abandoned my duties.

When my husband, Darryl, fell suddenly and unexpectedly ill on October 8 and subsequently passed away on October 29, my world was shattered. Even during that harrowing time, I remained mindful of my responsibilities.

On the morning of October 13, as Darryl's condition worsened and he required immediate hospitalization, I had a jury trial scheduled. I had spent the preceding weekend at the courthouse preparing for that complex litigation (see attached photo), and when the emergency arose, I worked closely with my staff attorney and a colleague on the bench to ensure the trial proceeded seamlessly.

During my subsequent period of absence, family court judges and jurists from other divisions stepped in to assist with the 246th's dockets, ensuring our case clearance rate remained well above average.

I understand there have been questions from some attorneys regarding my attendance at occasional social events or professional presentations during my time away from the daily docket. The few social events I attended were a deeply personal attempt to pull myself out of the depths of

grief. Similarly, giving presentations provided a structured, scripted opportunity to share space with my colleagues as I fought to return to a sense of normalcy. I think we can all agree that it would neither be wise nor prudent to "test the waters" of my recovery on the bench—where life-altering legal decisions are made—in the same manner one would in a supportive social or professional setting.

Upon my full-time return to the bench on June 24, 2026, I immediately resumed my duties, presiding over hearings and actively working the submission docket, in addition to co-hosting our annual Reunification Month event.

While I understand that public service comes with scrutiny, judges—like any other citizens—are entitled to a basic right to privacy regarding their personal health. I am under no obligation to share private medical details or diagnoses. What I will say is that, as a prudent and responsible jurist, I took the necessary and appropriate steps to ensure I was fully healthy and in the best possible position to preside over the critical, high-stakes cases that come before my court.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this context. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With warmest regards,



Judge Angela Graves-Harrington

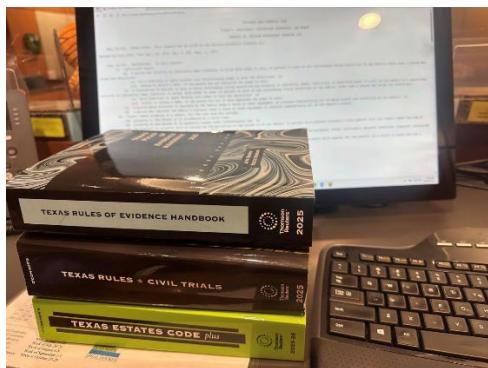
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Oh nothing! Just spending my weekend studying for the Civil Law Board Certification Exam!

No, seriously, I am prepping for my jury trial on Monday. What are the issues, you ask? Breach of Contract, Trespass to Try Title and Suit to Remove Cloud on Title, TUFTA, and Chapter 9 Enforcements (tried to the bench). As a Family Law judge, one must possess a broad range of knowledge.

My name is Angela Graves-Harrington, and I really do do ALL the things! 🤪



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From: Angela Graves-Harrington
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Subject: Re: Mongoose

Good morning,

One final matter. While I do not typically address rumors, I want to explicitly state that there is no truth to the allegation that I paused a hearing in February, failed to return, and attended a Rodeo event later that same day.

With that addressed, I believe I have now answered all of your questions.

While I am deeply grateful for the immense support I continue to receive from the family law community and the general public, it is disheartening to see such a focus on unfounded rumors rather than my stellar reputation and proven track record as a judge.

Just as Judge Millard experienced (and I am certain other judges have as well), life presented me with an obstacle I couldn't simply wish away. I had no choice but to focus on healing.

Again, thank you for reaching out to me.

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