

Administrative Order 2021

§ IN THE STATUTORY PROBATE
§
§ COURTS Nos. 1-4
§
§ HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Administrative Order Regarding Gender Neutral Terminology For Personal Representatives

ON THIS DAY, the above Courts have determined the use of gender-specific titles for personal representatives, such as “Executrix” or “Administratrix,” are outdated and unnecessary. Therefore, the Courts find the terms “Executrix” and “Administratrix” are interchangeable with “Executor” and “Administrator” in all documents and matters filed with the Clerk, and that it is no longer necessary for the Clerk to enforce compliance by requiring the use of the same terms in Wills as with other documents filed in with the Clerk. The Courts also find that the preferred terms that attorneys, courts, and clerks should use henceforth are “Executor” and “Administator”.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Harris County Clerk’s office treat alike the words “Executor” and “Executrix”, irrespective of the sex, gender, or gender identity of a person named as such, or the term used in a testamentary document, unless otherwise ordered by a judge.

IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER ORDERED that the Harris County Clerk’s office treat alike the words “Administrator” and “Administratrix” irrespective of the sex, gender, or gender identity of a person named as such, or the term used in a testamentary document, unless otherwise ordered by a judge.

IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER ORDERED that all statutory probate courts in Harris County, Texas, as well as parties and their counsel, treat alike the words "Executor" and "Executrix" irrespective of the sex, gender, or gender identity of a person named as such, except in a matter in which the term itself is relevant to the proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE FURTHER ORDERED that all statutory probate courts in Harris County, Texas, as well as parties, litigants, and counsel to the same, similarly treat alike the words "Administrator" and "Administratrix" irrespective of the sex, gender, or gender identity of a person named as such, except in a matter in which the term itself is relevant to the proceeding.

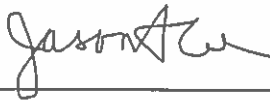
Signed on this 25 day of January, 2021.




Judge Jerry W. Simoneaux, Jr.
Harris County Probate Court No. 1



Judge Michael Newman
Harris County Probate Court No. 2



Judge Jason Cox
Harris County Probate Court No. 3



Judge James Horwitz
Harris County Probate Court No. 4