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Dear Ms. Daumerie:

I am writing concerning the consideration of implementing a statewide policy pertaining to maternity and adoption issues that arise in a litigation setting. I have asked the Court Rules Committee of the State Bar to look into developing and drafting a policy that will address some of the issues parents face in an upcoming birth or adoption of a child. Giana Ortiz is the current chair of this committee and she has agreed to put this topic on her committee's next agenda. I am hopeful the committee will develop a policy that works for most Texas lawyers who are would be parents, and if so, we will be seeking the Court's guidance on the next step. At this time, we also both felt it prudent to communicate with the Court to share what is being considered. I have spoken with Justice Guzman about the issue and she too suggested I contact the Court in writing to relay this information.

As always, we look to the Court's direction and guidance on how to approach this issue. If the Court wishes for the Court Rules Committee to stand down on examining the issue, and/or has any other guidance or direction it wishes us to follow, please let us know.

Thanks in advance for your help with this important issue.

Very truly yours,


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