DISTRICT COURT, COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE, STATE OF COLORADO 1 2 Case No. 89DR477, Division R-1 3 TRANSCRIPT OF TAPE-RECORDED PROCEEDINGS 5 In re the Marriage of: 6 7 SANDRA WILFRED, 8 Petitioner, 9 and HARMON WILFRED. 10 11 Respondent. 12 This matter came on for hearing on continued 13 temporary orders on July 7, 1989, before VIRGINA WARE, 14 District Court Referee. 15 This is a transcript of the proceedings recorded 16 in this case on that date. 17 ELAINE EDINBURG, Attorney at Law, APPEARANCES: 18 appearing on behalf of the Petitioner herein. 19 ROBERT HINDS, Attorney at Law, 20 appearing on behalf of the Respondent herein. 21 SUSAN DYCUS, Attorney at Law, 22 appearing as Guardian ad Litem for the minor 23 child. 24

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JULY 7, 1989

(WHEREUPON, the following proceedings were recorded:)

THE REFEREE: We're back on the record now on July the 7th, 1989. We're calling 89DR477, in re the marriage of Wilfred. This matter comes on for continued temporary orders. Counsel, would you enter your appearances, please?

MS. EDINEURG: Yes. Good morning, Your Honor.

I'm Elaine Edinburg and I'm here this morning with the

Petitioner, Sandra Wilfred.

MR. HINDS: Your Honor, Bob Hinds for Harmon Wilfred. I'd also like to indicate Ms. Long, who is co-coursel, will not be present today.

MS. DYCUS: Susan Dycus, Your Honor, as guardian ad litem.

MS. EDINBURG: Your Honor, this — the Court may recall this matter has already been heard twice by you on June 13th and 16th (sic), but pursuant to the interim orders that you have made on that date, I prepared a temporary orders.

They have now been executed by myself, Mr. Hinds, Ms. Dycus and Mr. Wilfred. Mr. Epstein's signature is not on the — on the copy that I have.

What I understand, if I may approach the bench, I'd like to tender this copy to the Court and ask that it be approved and made an order of the Court. It is my

understanding that Mr. Wilfred and his attorney, based upon Mr. Wilfred's filing bankruptcy — personal bankruptcy — agree to be bound by the terms of the temporary orders I have just handed you and that there will not be any need for a continuation of today's hearing or the hearing on July 14th.

That's my understanding.

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MR. HINDS: Your Honor, if I may approach the bench, I would tender for the Court the record — the order of stay relating to the personal bankruptcy filing of the Respondent. And what I will be doing is requesting relief from stay for the purpose of continuing on the supervised visitation issues.

Once that relief is granted, I would have to reset the matter regarding the supervised visitation. We ought to probably try to keep the 14th date and try to get the relief from stay granted before that time. It's difficult I understand (inaudible) counsel advised it would take about three weeks typically for a relief of stay, but Dr. Gutterman (phonetic) is not available and out of town on that date, and so we wouldn't have the ability to present our case even if we got the relief from stay, so as soon as I can achieve that. I would like to set the matter down as pertains to the question of the child and the father and mother.

THE REFEREE: All right, counsel, let me read this because what I don't want to get anybody in the position if --

if you're going to be -- if you don't mean to be in a position
of modifying temporary orders and that heavier burden of
proof, counsel. That's -- that's my question.

I -- we enter temporary orders, then everybody come back before me, you're gonna be on a modification. And I'm not sure that that's what is envisioned. If that is what is envisioned, fine.

MS. EDINBURG: Your Honor, excuse me for interrupting, but --

THE REFEREE: Please --

MS. EDINBURG: -- I understood that Mr. Hinds wanted to vacate the temporary orders hearings that we have set this morning and next week and that these temporary orders remain in full force and effect as the Court's temporary orders. That's my understanding.

THE REFEREE: That's your understanding.

MS. EDINBURG: That's what -- because we are prepared to go forward with the supervised visitation issue. I don't think the bankruptcy court has jurisdiction over supervised visitation of the minor child. I -- that's not a financial issue. That does not -- that's not an issue that could ever be litigated in a bankruptcy court. We're prepared -- prepared to go -- proceed with Mr. Harmon's -- Wilfred's request that that supervision be lifted. We have a witness here who's essential to that and -- and if that is gonna come

back before the Court, then let's just go today.

THE REFEREE: Well, I mean, you know, that's -that's what --

MR. HINDS: (inaudible) --

THE REFEREE: -- that's what I want clarified.

MR. HINDS: Can I ask, I -- I want to apologize. I was just asking, based on the Court's comments, how my client felt, and I apologize to you, I did not hear your recitation that you just concluded. Would you just --

THE REFEREE: Well, why don't you --

MR. HINDS: -- (inaudible) --

THE REFEREE: -- let her do it again.

MR. HINDS: Thank you.

MS. EDINBURG: Your Honor, I understood from what Mr. Hinds and I discussed prior to the commencement of this hearing, Mr. Hinds said they would sign these orders as the Court's temporary orders and they would withdraw their request for the hearing today and next Friday to proceed with the reversal of the supervision of visitation of the minor child and it's our understanding that there is not going to be any more need for temporary orders and supervision is going to stay in a place until such time as the Court modifies it as you have appropriately pointed out on a motion to modify temporary orders.

If Mr. Hinds is going to bankruptcy court to get a

relief from stay on whether this Court can hear the issues of supervised visitation or not, I don't understand that the bankruptcy court has any jurisdiction over visitation issues and let's just proceed today with the witness that I have regarding supervised visitation. That's my understanding.

MR. HINDS: Your Honor, I would con-constructively suggest that the Court allow us to withdraw the
pleadings just signed by the parties subject that -- that -and that it be stricken because apparently we have some
difference, the difference being the belief, apparently, that
by signing that we're -- we're agreeing to ongoing continued
supervision.

We really felt by signing that we were agreeing that until the Court reviewed it as a matter de novo, without any particular standard that we're now having to show some extra proof, that we were simply gonna continue with the guardian ad litem's work and the Court would review supervision. If what it is meant to be is --

THE REFEREE: (inaudible)

MR. HINDS: -- some binding thing, then I would respectively ask the Court not approve that --

THE REFEREE: Counsel --

MR. HINDS: -- and then I'll make my motions.

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THE REFEREE: Approach the bench, please.

MS. EDINBURG: Everyone this morning has signed those and those are the orders that are in effect up to date.

THE REFEREE: Right.

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MS. EDINBURG: And those need to be approved by the Court. And what Mr. Pinds is now telling me, and — and Ms. Dyous can correct me if I'm wrong, but that they wanted to withdraw their request for the hearing today, July 7th. and next week, which is July 14th, which means that these orders stay in effect as the temporary orders.

THE REFEREE: Un huh.

MS. SDINBURG: Is that what --

THE REFEREE: Unless they are modified.

MS. EDINBURG: Right.

THE REFEREE: That was my question.

MR. HINDS: May I see that for a moment, please?

THE REFEREE: You may.

I -- I agree with Ms. Edinburg. I have a real tough time figuring out how the bankruptcy court has any jurisdiction whatsoever with regards to visitation. Now, admittedly, we cannot go forward on these financial issues --

MS. EDINBURG: Pight.

THE REFEREE: -- at this time, but I have real problems with the bank-uptcy court having any jurisdiction over visitation.

MR. HINDS: Your Honor, we'll -- may look at paragraph 5 with the Court and with counsel. It says all of the matters, including modification of support and visitation, shall be deferred until the hearing scheduled for July 7th.

would interpret that that that would not mean because we have a bankruptcy proceeding, that the fact that the hearing is stricken, it couldn't be reset. I mean, if -- if what she's saying, because we are saying --

THE REFEREE: If -- if you are agreeing, I just want to make sure that I understand what you're agreeing to here today and if -- I -- you know -- if -- if -- if you're signing these temporary orders and agreeing that today's hearing, next week's hearing can be reset, that's fine. I have no objection to that. I just want to make sure that everybody understands that those matters are being preserved and that we are not at -- in a modification standard.

MR. HINDS: Okay. Well, that's what I wanted to clarify.

THE REFEREE: That's what I wanted to clarify.

MR. HINDS: (inaudible)

MS. EDINBURG: And that's not my understanding.

MR. HINDS: All right. And I respect--

MS. EDINBURG: (inaudible) my under--

THE REFEREE: (inaudible)

MR. HINDS: --fully ask and I would withdraw my approval and my client's approval of that portion, and I think it therefore cancels the whole thing and we will proceed as the Court would direct us today, and whatever way, I will make an argument relative to whether the Court can

proceed, but I would ask, respectively, if -- if she's saying that by not going forward we've waived our right to contest the supervision, I think that's absurd (inaudible) --3 4 THE REFEREE: That's not what that order says. MS. EDINBURG: No. 5 MR. HINDS: Well --6 THE REFEREE: That's not what that (inaudible) --7 MS. EDINBURG: They could come back and file for 8 9 a modification of the temporary orders. 10 THE REFEREE: Un huh. MS. DYCUS: I --11 MR. HINDS: (inaudible) 12 13 MS. DYCUS: I think it's pretty clear that Petitioner is taking the position that (inaudible) would be the temporary orders subject to modification under the 15 modification standards -- standard and Respondent is saying 16 no, this would simply be an interim --17 MR. HINDS: That's true. 18 19 MS. DYCUS: -- order of Court. 20 MR. HINDS: And was always intended --21 MS. DYCUS: So --MR. HINDS: -- when we -- we entered into that 22 understanding in the midst of our case, it was always intended 23 to be an interim order so you could hear all the facts. 24

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             MR. HINDS: -- (inaudible)
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             THE REFEREE: -- I mean, you know, I've only heard
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             MR. HINDS: That's right.
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             MS. DYCUS: The Petitioner has said she wants to
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             MS. EDINBURG: No, that's the order.
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             THE REFEREE: Well, no, this is the order.
             MS. EDINBURG: That's the order.
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             THE REFEREE: This is the order.
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             MS. DYCUS: But it means only what it says.
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             THE REFEREE: Well, it's an interim order --
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             THE REFEREE: -- it's not temporary orders, but
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             MR. HINDS: Right.
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             THE REFEREE: -- interim order.
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THE REFEREE: I am not --

orders, okay? Then I would like to make my comment.

THE REFEREE: All right. The Court has adopted as interim orders the orders entered on, I believe it was June lath, if I'm correct, as interim orders. And now we are ready to proceed. Mr. Hinds, you had argument.

MR. HINDS: Yes, Your Honor. First, I would, for the record, indicate the — the following: To my knowledge, and I believe counsel for Petitioner will admit and acknowledge that she has been in receipt of actual service of the notice of automatic stay in bankruptcy case number 89808827J.

Further, at the commencement of these proceedings I advised the Court by tendering a copy of said automatic stay that in fact a personal bankruptcy has been filed. It was the position of the bankrupt relative to the continuation of the proceedings of any kind, that until the bankruptcy court relinquishes its jurisdiction and operates to give relief from stay, that this Court may not proceed and the attorneys who are representing the respective clients are prohibited by the state from proceeding.

It would be my further position, though I recognize and I think the Court is correct, that the bankruptcy court will, in all likelihood, relinquish its jurisdiction as it relates to matters of — of custody and as it relates to matters of visitation, however, the stay does not delineate

except for custody, except for visitation.

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The procedure, as I understand it, and I believe I'm accurate, the proper procedure when a bankruptcy is filed is that a relief from stay to proceed in any litigation has to be granted regardless of the fact that this may be labeled a custody proceeding or visitation proceeding, and until that relief is granted, we are directed not to proceed.

Now, the Court has indicated its theories on that, but I did want to make a record. I'm not Mr. Wilfred's bankruptcy lawyer. How he will choose to deal with that will certainly be within his discretion and judgment.

THE REFEREE: I will hear you, Ms. Edinburg, with regards to the stay. I'll be quite frank with you, folks. My background in bankruptcy is -- so, I mean, you know.

MS. EDINBURG: Your Honor --

THE REFEREE: Any clarification.

MS. EDINBURG: -- if I understand it, Mr. Wilfred has filed a personal bankruptcy and I acknowledge that.

However, I do not believe that any stay in bankruptcy court precludes this Court from determining supervised visitation.

I'm happy to leave the supervised visitation in effect.

That's what the Court's just approved. Those are the interim temporary orders. Let's just leave it in effect. Those are the temporary orders subject to the Court's modification.

THE REFEREE: Well, those are interim orders.

MS. EDINBURG: Interim orders subject to this Court's modification. If Mr. Hinds thinks that he has to go get a relief from stay to proceed on supervised visitation, and we're gonna be back here next week doing the same thing that we can do this morning, let's just do it. I mean, if he acknowledges that the bankruptcy court doesn't have jurisdiction over supervised visitation --

THE REFEREE: Well, I --

MS. EDINBURG: That's my understanding.

THE REFEREE: -- don't think that was what he acknowledged. That was not what I understood, Ms. -- I think what he said was that he felt sure that the bankruptcy court would grant the relief from the stay on issues of custody and visitation, but I -- did I misunderstand your argument?

MR. HINDS: That's exactly correct. I —— I do feel, upon proper motion, that the court would feel it appropriate that this Court be allowed to proceed on these matters, but they haven't said that yet. And I'm sitting here and I —— Ms. Edinburg, who's a very, very capable attorney, but I'm wondering whether she really wants to force the issue, because that's between the bankruptcy court and Ms. Edinburg if she's violated the stay and all I can do is be here to say what I've said.

MS. EDINBURG: Your Honor, as I said to the Court

when I submitted this stipulation, the temporary ord-- excuse 2 me, the temporary -- the interim temporary orders, we're perfectly happy with that. We'll just maintain the status quo. But I want that to be the interim temporary orders and I 5 don't wart --6 THE REFEREE: That -- it already is. 7 MS. EDINBURG: Okay. 8 THE REFEREE: I have -- I have recommended it. 9 mean, you know, there's always a chance that --10 MS. EDINBURG: Right. THE REFEREE: -- the judge will not sign it. 11 12 MS. EDINBURG: Right. 13 THE REFEREE: But certainly those are already 14 orders and those are orders that this Court has already 15 entered.

MS. EDINBURG: I know. Now, I'm confused, because Mr. Hinds' office wrote me a letter, Dr. Gotterman (phonetic)

is here for the third time to testify, we --

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THE REFEREE: Thank you, Dr. Gotterman (phonetic).

MS. EDINBURG: — we're wasting more time and money, and if they're prepared to proceed on the supervision issue and they're calling Dr. Gotterman (phonetic) as their witness and asking me if he can go out of turn, I'm confused. Are they proceeding on the issue of supervised visitation?

THE REFEREE: No. They are -- they are maintaining

they cannot proceed until the bankruptcy court has lifted the 2 stay. 3 MS. EDINBURG: And then what standard are we under 4 when we come back? 5 THE REFEREE: That we are still at temporary 6 orders and -- and with interim orders entered. That's where 7 we are. That is Mr. Hinds' position, correct? 8 MR. HINDS: That is correct, Your Honor. 9 MS. EDINBURG: Well, I -- I don't wanna be in any 10 violation of the bankruptcy court, certainly, and I 11 (inaudible) --12 THE REFEREE: I don't -- he's (inaudible) --13 MS. EDINBURG: -- but I continue to maintain that 14 if ---15 THE REFEREE: Those are the big boys --16 MS. EDINBURG: -- Mr. --17 THE REFEREE: -- Ms. Edinburg. 18 MS. EDINBURG: I know. I agree. And I don't do But I -- you know, I -- I find we're in an 19 bankruptcy work. 20 interesting position here. It's Mr. Wilfred who wants to 21 res-- to lift the -- the issue of the supervision. 22 wants to lift the issue of the supervision, then he is 23 proceeding, not me. I'm happy with the order as it is. 24 THE REFEREE: Interim order, though. 25

MS. EDINBURG: The interim order. That's right.

2 MS. EDINBURG: And I'm happy with that. THE REFEREE: -- temporary orders are completed. MS. EDINBURG: And -- but I dont' --5 THE REFEREE: And interim orders do not prejudice 6 other parties. 7 MS. EDINBURG: I understand that and I don't want 8 to see us waste more time and more money, "cause every time we 9 come here we're -- we're like 6, 700 bucks an hour and -- and 10 the meter keeps running and, you know, now we're here, we're 11 bankrupt, but we -- we keep bringing in all the -- the lawyers 12 and wasting the time and money. 13 THE REFEREE: Ms. Dycus, do you have any 14 clarification to add to this? 15 MS. DYCUS: Actually, I'm not sure it's terribly 16 eliminating, but I'll tender a copy of section -- 11 U.S.C. 17 Section 362, which --18 THE REFEREE: Oh, by all means. 19 MS. DYCUS: -- (inaudible) 20 THE REFEREE: So, you know, as I say, let's --MS. DYCUS: All right. I'm not sure that section 21 is at all clear one way or the other. I'd like a moment to 22 read it if --23 24 THE REFEREE: Oh, yes. Well, counsel, I mean, you know, you're more than 25

THE REFEREE: That's (inaudible) --

welcome to approach. Obviously I haven't read this with great care, but I think we're stayed. If I read this, it says it's applicable to all entities of a judicial, administrative or other action. Hey, folks, I think we're stayed at this point and cannot proceed until Mr. Hinds has done what he says he's going to do, which is go to the bankruptcy court and get the stay lifted with regards to the issues of custody and visitation, which are not financial and should not relate to the bankruptcy proceeding whatsoever.

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MS. DYCUS: Just so that the Court will be aware, if Ms. Edinburg does not seek a relief from the stay on the financial issues, I will be doing so, at least for the child support --

THE REFEREE: For child support.

MS. DYCUS: -- and if I may also tender, since I have (inaudible) parties, I would like the Court to keep apprised of my fees since I know that they were already getting above what Judge Steinhardt prefers them to be. I don't know if I'm listed as a creditor or not --

THE REFEREE: I -- I have --

MS. DYCUS: -- if I may need --

THE REFEREE: -- always thought that was a very interesting issue in bankruptcy since child support is not dischargeable --

MS. DYCUS: -- I -- I would be --

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             MS. EDINBURG: We've had two cases where we've
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             MS. EDINBURG: -- not dischargeable --
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             THE REFEREE: -- I've often thought when I was a
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   guardian ad litem that would be a very interesting issue to
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   take to the bankruptcy court in light of the --
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             MS. EDINBURG: Your Honor --
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             THE REFEREE: -- non-dischargeability of child
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   support.
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             MS. EDINBURG: M-- Edinburg. Can I just make a
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             THE REFEREE: Certainly. Make a record.
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             MS. EDINBURG: Your Honor, I do have a witness
   here, under subpoena, Mr. Tom Jones (phonetic). I would ask
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   that Mr. Jones be ordered to appear at any further point in
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THE REFEREE: -- if the guardian ad litem fees are

time so that we do not need to re-serve him and that the subpoena continues at which point in time there's a reset hearing and then I will renotify him that he must appear.

THE REFEREE: All right. Mr. Jones, your subpoena's continued. We are not continuing it to a date certain because we are all subject to the federal courts and until a stay is lifted with regards to this Court proceeding, as I read — and thank you very much, Ms. Dycus. You've probably realized how clever I was with regards to bankruptcy.

MS. DYCUS: No, Your Honor, I'm arguing the other side of this issue in Jefferson County this afternoon.

THE REFEREE: I see.

MS. DYCUS: (inaudible)

THE REFEREE: Okay. But I think we are stayed, as I read the -- the Code, and will be staying until the bankruptcy court lifts the stay. So I can't con-- continue your subpoena, but -- your subpoe-- to a date certain, but your subpoena is continued. You will be notified by Ms. Edinburg and that's basically just to save the cost of service.

At this time the Court is vacating today's hearing. The hearing date on July 14th is also vacated. The interim orders remain in full force and effect. The matter to be reset on proper notice.

bankruptcy court, say please lift your stay with regards to 3 these proceedings and we can proceed in this matter in a --MS. EDINBURG: Your Honor, may I just as a 5 formality file to the Court the original motion to compel 6 answers to interrogatories and request for production 7 (inaudible)? THE REFEREE: You certainly may. 9 MS. EDINBURG: Thank you. They're four months past due. 10 11 THE REFEREE: Mr. Hinds, need I tell you to comply 12 with the (inaudible)? 13 MR. HINDS: Well, Your Honor, I would ask a small 14 question. Are you going to go ahead and send by mail to Joann 15 Long? 16 MS. EDINBURG: I have a copy for her. Can you 17 just --18 MR. HINDS: But she's not here. Would you mind 19 sending it to her? 20 MS. EDINBURG: I'll send it. 21 MR. HINDS: So she gets it? 22 I'll send it to her. MS. EDINBURG: 23 MR. HINDS: Thank you. I understand that, Your 24 Honor. 25 MS. EDINBURG: Do I need to set this for hearing?

I'm hoping everybody will go tripping off to the

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Do I just get an order that he's gonna comply? MR. HINDS: We can't even set things for hearing. THE REFEREE: You can't even set anything. MS. EDINBURG: (inaudible) THE REFEREE: That was the reason that I -- that I strongly suggested to Mr. Hinds that he comply with discovery. This matter will be reset on proper notice. Thank you very much. (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were concluded.) · 20

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I certify that I transcribed this record from that tape recording of the above-entitled matter which was heard on July 7, 1989.

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Signed this 3rd day of February, 1991, at Denver, Colorado.

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