

TEXAS AFCC POLICY ON POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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The Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (hereinafter "Texas AFCC") is an interdisciplinary association made up of a number of family law judges, attorneys, mediators, evaluators, court administrators, financial planners, and mental health professionals who work in collaboration with one another to further ideas and issues to help resolve family conflict and protect the interests of families and children. Recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Texas AFCC must comply with certain legal limitations on its activities while continuing to pursue its mission.

Texas AFCC embraces and encourages a diversity of viewpoints on a wide variety of issues to help resolve family conflict and protect the interests of families and children. As an organization, we understand that areas of our statutory law and procedures require change to best protect and serve Texas families. Texas AFCC encourages the continued research, development, and teaching of various ways to help resolve family conflict and protect the interests of families and children and seeks to broaden the debate on tough issues. Texas AFCC shall also continue to encourage its membership and the public to be actively involved in the political process and to assert their individual views to the legislature and other rule-making bodies.

As a non-profit organization, Texas AFCC does not, nor may anyone explicitly on its behalf or by implication, endorse any particular legislation. Texas AFCC does not sponsor legislation nor lobby for statutory change. Texas AFCC will continue to provide a forum for individuals and organizations to educate our membership about the need for or progress of legislative and procedural change, but such statements even if facilitated by Texas AFCC reflect the views of the individual speaker and not the organization. Texas AFCC does not have an official position regarding legislation or candidates for political office. Texas AFCC does not give, raise, or spend money on political candidates, or indicate support in any way of a candidate for public office at any governmental level.