

COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, EIGHTH DISTRICT, EL PASO

In the Interest of M.P. and F.P., Minor Children

No. 08-21-00018-CV · No. No. 08-21-00018-CV · Decided January 21, 2021

SUMMARY

The Eighth District Court of Appeals of Texas issued a corrected order requiring the minor children and parent to be identified by initials in all appellate papers and court communications. The order was entered on the court’s own motion to protect the children’s identities under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.8.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of Texas, Eighth District, El Paso
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Rodriguez, C.J.; Palafox, J.; Alley, J.
JURISDICTION	Texas
DECIDED	January 21, 2021
DOCKET	No. 08-21-00018-CV
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Appeal from the 65th District Court of El Paso County, Texas.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	In the Interest of M.P. and F.P., Minor Children

TOPICS

- family law procedure
- appellate procedure
- family law

PRACTICE AREAS

- family law
- appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the identities of the minor children and parent should be protected by requiring the use of initials in appellate filings and court communications.

HOLDINGS

1. The court ordered that the minor children and the parent be identified by initials in all papers submitted to the court, as well as in court correspondence, orders, opinions, and judgments.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“In order to protect the identity of the minor children who are the subject of this appeal, the Court has determined on its own motion that it is necessary to identify the children by their initials, M.P. and F.P, and the parent by initials as well, in all papers submitted to the Court, including letters, motions, and briefs.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The appeal concerns minor children identified as M.P. and F.P. The appellate court determined that protecting the identities of the children and the parent required the use of initials in all papers, correspondence, orders, opinions, and judgments.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The matter was appealed from the 65th District Court of El Paso County under trial-court cause number 2019DCM5435. On its own motion, the court of appeals issued a corrected order governing the identification of the minor children and parent in appellate filings and court communications.

DISPOSITION

other