

406th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
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PRE-TRIAL GUIDELINE ORDER

Cause No.: _____

Style: _____

Vs. _____

Expedited Action: _____ Level One: _____ Level Two: _____ Level Three: _____

_____ **JURY SELECTION/TRIAL** starting at 8:30 a.m.

_____ days - Estimated time/duration of trial. **INTERPRETER REQUIRED:** Yes / No.

_____ **FINAL PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE.** All Trial Motions, Jury Questions, and Jury Instructions shall be filed by the Final Pre-Trial Conference Date. All Exhibits must be presented for inspection at the Final Pre-Trial Conference and a list of Exhibits must be provided to opposing counsel at the Final Pre-Trial.

_____ **PLAINTIFF'S PLEADINGS:** All amendments and supplements of affirmation or pleadings must be filed by this date.

_____ **DEFENDANT'S PLEADINGS:** All amendments and supplements of affirmation or pleadings must be filed by this date.

_____ **PLAINTIFF'S EXPERT WITNESS DESIGNATION.** Plaintiff's testifying expert witnesses must be designated by this date and provide reports and curriculum vitae. Include each expert's name, address, and all information and materials required under Tex. R. Civ. P. 195.5.

_____ **DEFENDANT'S EXPERT WITNESS DESIGNATION.** Defendant's testifying expert witnesses must be designated by this date and provide reports and curriculum vitae. Include each expert's name, address, and all information and materials required under Tex. R. Civ. P. 195.5.

_____ **AFFIDAVIT DEADLINE.** Notice of Intent to use Discovery Affidavits pursuant to §18.001 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code must be filed with the Clerk of the Court and served on the opposing party.

_____ **COUNTER-AFFIDAVIT DEADLINE.** Counter Affidavits pursuant to §18.001 of the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code must be filed with the Clerk of the Court and served on the opposing party.

Deadline to conduct discovery will be 30 days prior to trial unless the case is a divorce case. Counsel may initiate discovery beyond this date by agreement. If the case is a divorce case, discovery may be conducted up to the date of trial.

_____ **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** Mediation is mandatory and a duly authorized representative(s) shall attend mediation.

Mediation will be ordered by the Court in all contested cases and ONLY the Court will appoint the Mediator, unless there is an agreement. If the parties agree on a mediator who is available before the ADR deadline, the parties shall submit an Order of Appointment to the Court. If mediation has not occurred by ADR deadline, the parties are subject to attending a mandatory settlement conference prior to jury selection at the Court's availability.

_____ **ROBINSON MOTION TO STRIKE EXPERT WITNESS** for lack of foundation for Opinion (Must be at least 45 days before trial).

_____ **DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS (SUMMARY JUDGMENT).** Summary Judgments will be considered by submission unless the Movant, or Respondent, requests an oral hearing and obtains approval by the Court.

As per Local Rule 3.28, a court hearing or jury trial setting may be passed upon written notification of settlement by the parties, written agreement or motion for continuance of all parties, or a motion for continuance timely filed pursuant to TRCP, with the Court's consent. As per Local Rule 3.26, a **Certificate of Conference** is required on all contested motions, other than dispositive motions, filed in civil and family law cases.

If the case is a Level Three case, the Parties may enter into a Discovery Control Plan in accordance with Rule 190.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. All cases deemed to be "expedited actions" shall be designated as such within 30 days after service of process has been executed. In all designated expedited actions, the parties shall follow the deadlines and time limits pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 190.2 and 169d. In addition, either Party may request one or more Pre-Trial Conferences in accordance with Rules 166 and 190.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. The request for the Pre-Trial Conference must be filed no later than 90 days prior to the trial date.

The Plaintiff(s) and the Defendant(s) acknowledge that this Pre-Trial Guideline Order shall constitute a binding agreement between the Parties as defined by Rule 11 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and shall serve as a modification of the discovery procedure as provided for in Rule 191.1 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Except as to the Trial date, the parties may, with approval of the Court, modify the deadlines set forth in this Order by an agreement that complies with Rule 11 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Approved:

Oscar J. Hale, Jr., Judge
406th Judicial District Court

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