

CAUSE NO. DC-00-00000-A

PLAINTIFF	§	STATE OF TEXAS
	§	
VS.	§	
	§	14 <sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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DEFENDANT	§	
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	§	DALLAS COUNTY

**UNIFORM SCHEDULING ORDER (LEVEL 1)**

In accordance with Rules 166, 190 and 192 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court makes the following order to control discovery and the schedule of this cause:

1. This case will be ready and is set for **XXX, at 9:30 a.m.** (the “Initial Trial Setting”). All counsel of record as well as all parties are required to appear at the Initial Trial Setting. Reset or continuance of the Initial Trial Setting will not alter any deadlines established in this Order or established by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, unless otherwise provided by order. If not reached as set, the case may be carried to the next week. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE DEADLINES CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL NOT SUPPORT A MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS MATTER.**

2. Unless otherwise ordered, discovery in this case will be controlled by:

( X ) Rule 190.2 (Level 1)

of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Except by agreement of the party, Leave of court, or where expressly authorized by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, no party may obtain discovery of information subject to disclosure under Rule 194 by any other form of discovery.

3. Any objection or motion to exclude or limit expert testimony due to qualification of the expert or reliability of the opinions must be filed no later than seven (7) days after the close of the discovery period, or such objection is waived. Any motion to compel responses to discovery (other than relation to factual matters arising after the end of the discovery period) must be filed no later than seven (7) days after the close of the discovery period or such complaint is waived, except for the sanction of exclusion under Rule 193.6.

4. Any amended pleadings asserting new causes of action or affirmative defenses must be filed no later than thirty (30) days before the end of the discovery period and any other amended pleadings must be filed no later than seven (7) days after the end of the discovery period. Amended pleadings responsive to timely filed pleadings under this schedule may be filed after the deadline for amended pleadings if filed within two (2) weeks after the pleading to which they respond. Except with leave of court, TRCP 166a(c) motions must be heard no later than thirty (30) days before trial.

5. No additional parties may be joined more than five (5) months after the commencement of this case except on motion for leave showing good cause. This paragraph does not otherwise alter the requirements of Rule 38. The party joining an additional party shall serve a copy of this order on the new party concurrently with the pleading joining that party.

6. No Motion or Brief filed with the Court may exceed 25 one-sided pages in length. Only one appendix, also limited to 25 one-sided pages in length may be filed supporting any Motion or Brief. The use of any font less than 12 point, or margins less than 1” on each side of a page is hereby prohibited. Additionally, the use of reduced, multiple pages (i.e.: Min-u-script) is hereby prohibited. Permission to file a brief in excess of these page limitations may be granted with leave of the Court upon a showing of compelling reasons. Orders for leave must list each document and page length of each document to be filed.

7a. Fourteen (14) days before the Initial Trial Setting, in jury trial, the parties shall exchange a list of exhibits, including any demonstrative aids and affidavits, and shall exchange copies of any exhibits not previously produced in discovery; over-designation is strongly discouraged and may be sanctioned. Except for records to be offered by way of business record affidavits, each exhibit must be identified separately and not by category or group designation. Rule 193.7 applies to this designation. On or before ten (10) days before the Initial Trial Setting, the attorneys in charge for all parties shall meet in person to confer on stipulations regarding the materials to be submitted to the Court under this paragraph and attempt to maximize agreement on such matters. By 4 pm on the Thursday before the Initial Trial Setting, the parties shall file with the Court the materials stated in Rule 166(e)-(l), an estimate of the length of trial, designation of deposition testimony to be offered in direct examination, and any motions in limine. Failure to file such materials may result in dismissal for want of prosecution or other appropriate sanction.

7b. Fourteen (14) days before the Initial Trial Setting, in non-jury cases, the parties shall exchange and file with the Court Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Plaintiff/Plaintiff’s counsel shall serve a copy of this Order on any currently named defendant(s) answering after this date.

\*\*\*Note that deadlines contained herein which refer to the Initial Trial Setting or of the date of filing shall **NOT** change when the trial setting is moved unless specifically noted in an Order of this Court\*\*\*

**\*\*Please refer to the County website for Court specific rules and standard orders\*\*:**

[http://www.dallascounty.org/government/courts/civil\\_district/14th/](http://www.dallascounty.org/government/courts/civil_district/14th/)

**DEADLINES SET FORTH BY THE COURT IN THIS ORDER MAY NOT BE AMENDED EXCEPT BY LEAVE OF THIS COURT.**

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

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**District Judge**

cc: Counsel of Record/Pro Se Parties/Mediator