

CAUSE NO. DC-_____

_____	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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Plaintiff	§	
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v.	§	162 ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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Defendants	§	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

162ND DISTRICT COURT UNIFORM SCHEDULING ORDER (LEVEL 2)

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 trial at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, _____, (the “Initial Trial Setting”). Reset or continuance of the Initial Trial Setting will not alter any deadlines established in this Order, except those set out in paragraph 7 of 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.

2. Discovery in this case will be controlled by Rule 190.3 (Level 2) 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. Each side may have 50 hours of depositions and each party may have 25 interrogatories, subject to the conditions of Rule 190.3(b)(2) and (3).

3. Any objection or motion to exclude or limit expert testimony due to qualification of the expert or reliability of the opinions must be heard no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the Initial Trial Setting, or such objection is waived. Any motion to compel responses to discovery (other than relating to factual matters arising after the end of the discovery period) must be heard no later than thirty (30) 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 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 filing 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. The parties shall mediate this case no later than thirty (30) days before the Initial Trial Setting, unless otherwise provided by court order. Mediation will be conducted in accordance with the Standing Dallas County Civil District Court Order Regarding Mediation, which is available from the Dallas County ADR Coordinator. All parties shall contact the mediator to arrange the mediation.

☐ The mediator may be selected by agreement of all parties. The parties must advise both the Court and the mediator in writing of any agreed mediator within ninety (90) days of the date this Order is signed. Any mediator substitution requested beyond such time may only be made by motion for submission to the Court for good cause and under extraordinary circumstances.

☐ Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties shall select a mediator by agreement; if the parties are unable to agree on a mediator, they shall advise the Court within ninety (90) days of the date of this order; the Court will then appoint a mediator.

7. Fourteen (14) days before the Initial Trial Setting, 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.

8. 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.

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

SIGNED _____

JUDGE PRESIDING

cc: Counsel of Record/Pro Se Parties and Mediator

AGREED AND APPROVED:

Plaintiff Attorney

Defendant Attorney

Defendant Attorney

Secondary Attorney

Defendant Attorney

Secondary Attorney