

Standing Order In Re Disclosures

In Re: Tex. R. Civ. 194.1(a)

Sign of Civil Procedure

STANDING ORDER CONCERNING DISCLOSURES

On this Day, the Court hereby takes note of Tex. R. Civ. 194.1(a), which provides:

Duty to Disclose. Except as exempted by Rule of 194.12(d) or as otherwise agreed by the parties **or ordered by the Court**, a party must, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to the other parties the information or material described in Rule 194.2, 194.3, and 194.4.

See Tex. R. Civ. 194.1(a) (emphasis added).

Pursuant to the aforementioned Rule, the Court has the discretion to exempt parties from complying with the disclosure requirements stated therein. The Court finds that the interests of justice and judicial economy are not served by requiring mandatory disclosures given the unique nature of *ad valorem* tax collection suits.

It is therefore hereby **ORDERED** that all parties in cases filed in the District Courts of Dallas County to collect delinquent *ad valorem* taxes pursuant to Texas Tax Code Sections 31-34 are exempt from the otherwise required disclosures set forth in Tex. R. Civ. 194.1 ("<u>Duty to Disclose</u>; <u>Production</u>"), 194.2 ("<u>Initial Disclosures</u>"), 194.3 ("<u>Testifying Expert Disclosures</u>"), and 194.4 ("<u>Pretrial Disclosures</u>"). If a party desires to require another party to provide the aforementioned disclosures, such party must file a Motion for Leave to Request Disclosures and obtain a written Order permitting such.

SIGNED and ENTERED on April 13, 2021

Carl Ginsberg

Carl Ginsberg, Former Judge of the 193rd Judicial District Court, Sitting by Assignment for the Civil District Courts of Dallas County As the Dallas County Tax Court Judge