

254th District Court
GEORGE L. ALLEN, SR. COURTS BUILDING
600 COMMERCE STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

SCHEDULING ORDER AND NOTICE OF TRIAL SETTING

IT IS ORDERED that the following Scheduling Order shall apply to this case unless modified by the Court. The Trial date may not be changed without written order of the Court. All other dates may be modified by filing an agreed Amended Discovery Control Plan and pursuant to Rule 11 Texas Rules of Civil Procedures. However all Amended Discovery Plans Must be filed within 20 days of the date of this Scheduling Order. All parties shall comply with this order. Rule 4 Texas Rules of Civil Procedures shall control in computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this order.

1. FINAL TRIAL DATE: This case is set for final trial on:

This case will be dismissed for want of prosecution in accordance with Rule 165a Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, if the Petitioner or Counter-Petitioner fails to appear at trial. If a party fails to appear for trial a default judgment may be entered against that party.

2. CONTINUANCE:

Parties not ready for trial should file a motion for continuance and agreed order. If the continuance is not agreed to then a hearing will be necessary.

3. MEDIATION:

Mediation is **required** in trials needing 1 or more days, but all mediations need to be completed days **prior to** the trial date above. Please advise the court if you can not agree on a mediator and the court will appoint one for you. Failure to mediate may not delay the trial setting.

4. DISCOVERY:

Discovery may be initiated pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedures. A response to all discovery requests must be completed pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedures. Failure to timely initiate discovery will NOT delay the trial date

5. INVENTORIES / FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Inventories and Financial Information should be exchanged 60 days before the initial trial date unless the parties agree otherwise in writing. All supplements and amendments must be exchanged five days prior to trial date

6. JOINDER:

All party must be added and served, whether by amendment or third party claim 120 days before initial trial date. The party responsible for joining new parties shall send a copy of this Scheduling Order and any Amended Discovery Control Plans upon joinder of the new party.

7. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION OF PARENTING CLASS:

In all cases involving minor children, all parties seeking access and possession to the child(ren) shall attend and complete a court approved Parent Education Program. A certificate of completion shall be filed with the District Clerk prior to the final trial date. Incomplete Parenting Classes may delay the trial date and the court may impose sanctions on a party who fails to complete the program. **On-line courses are not allowed or permitted.**

8. PRETRIAL:

Pretrials are not mandatory but shall be set upon request of a party.

**The petitioner shall provide a copy of this Scheduling Order to any parties served or otherwise joined into the lawsuit after the issuance of the order by a method approved in Texas Rules of Civil Procedures 21a.