

**MISC. ORDER 2023-9002
IN THE TARRANT COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3**

**STANDING ORDER FOR JURY TRIALS
AND PRE-TRIAL PROCEEDINGS**

This Standing Order is promulgated for jury trials and pre-trial proceedings before the Court by the authority of Tarrant County Court at Law No. 3 based upon its inherent power to regulate the conduct of proceedings in accordance with judicial economy, pursuant to Texas Rule of Judicial Administration 10 and Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 3a. and 21d. This Standing Order is in addition to the previously promulgated Local Rules of Court of Tarrant County. In the event of any conflict with the Local Rules of Court of Tarrant County this Standing Order shall govern.

1. In the absence of extenuating circumstances, no continuances will be granted in jury trials. Agreed continuances will require a hearing. An attorney in a firm of multiple attorneys will be required to substantiate why it is imperative for the attorney of record to conduct the trial and it is impractical for an associate attorney to try the case.
2. Not less than one(1) business day before a Trial, pre-trial proceedings will be conducted for at least three (3) cases. Parties should appear for the pre-trial as though it was the morning of trial. All matters to be determined before voir dire must be discussed at the pre-trial conference. Motions in Limine not considered and Exhibits not discussed during the pre-trial conference will not be considered during the case in chief unless agreed by the parties or leave sought by counsel.
3. The attorneys and witnesses for at least two (2) cases will be expected to appear ready for trial on the morning of voir dire. Cases settled over the weekend must contact the Court Coordinator. Failure to appear on the morning of voir dire may result in the case being dismissed for want of prosecution or a default judgment being entertained.
4. Witnesses and parties may be allowed to participate remotely with prior Court approval (subject to the limitations of Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code §30.012(b)) or by agreement subject to Rule 11. Such approval must be sought during the pre-trial proceeding. Only extenuating circumstances arising after the pre-trial proceeding will be considered as grounds for remote participation not approved during the pre-trial conference.
5. This Standing Order is effective May 1, 2023.

ADOPTED this 26 day of April 2023.



Mike Hrabal
Judge, Tarrant County Court at Law No. 3