## 284<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT'S STANDING ORDER REGARDING MOTIONS FOR CONTINUANCE

No party to a lawsuit has requested this Order. Rather, this Order is a Standing Order of the 284<sup>th</sup> District Court that applies in every suit.

It is ORDERED that a Motion for Continuance will be considered by the Court only if it is in writing, timely filed, with sufficient cause supported by affidavit, with a description of the reason a continuance is needed, and a statement as to how long of a continuance is needed.

It is further ORDERED that, absent an emergency, the Court will not consider any Motion for Continuance which is filed within 14 days of the first day of the two week rolling trial docket.

It is further ORDERED that the second Motion for Continuance filed in a case must include a certification signed by the attorney or attorneys (in the case of an Agreed Motion for Continuance) which says:

I certify to the Court that my client is aware of and agrees to the requested continuance.

It is further ORDERED that any subsequent Motions for Continuance (third or more) must include the client's signature on the Motion with the notation "AGREED" above that signature.

It is further ORDERED that Motions for Continuance which are not agreed must be set for submission.

It is further ORDERED that Agreed Motions for Continuance need not be set for submission, and to qualify as agreed, the Motion must be signed by all parties.

- The fact that the parties have agreed to a continuance does not guarantee the Court will grant it.
- "Uncontested" is not the same as "Agreed"; uncontested motions require a setting.

Signed May 9, 2023

KRISTIN BAYS, PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE 284<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT