



106th Judicial District Court

REED A. FILLEY

DISTRICT JUDGE

PRETRIAL ORDER

(Revised as of January 21, 2022)

1. All parties shall be limited to no more than thirty (30) minutes per side for temporary orders hearings.
2. All Motions for Continuance must include a "Certificate of Conference" documenting that the parties have made a good faith effort to resolve the dispute at issue and have failed.
3. Contested final divorce and SAPCR matters are Ordered to attend mediation in good faith.
4. Prior to ANY hearing (Temporary or Final) each Party shall furnish the Court a list of all relief requested without commentary and without the reason for the request.

However, deviations from any standard must be as specific as an Order, e.g. request for supervised visitation must contain where, how and with whom.

5. If income is relevant, Parties should have a firm grasp of his or her own current income or income from the preceding year and be prepared to declare same. Parties are ordered to furnish last tax returns filed with I.R.S. Unless corroborated or controverted by documentary evidence the Court's ruling may be based on income earned in the previous year or years.
6. Each Party shall notice the other with identifying information of all expert witnesses and all public service witnesses, i.e. police officers, CPS personnel and a summary of their expected testimony.
7. All exhibits should be marked and exchanged prior to trial. All exhibits shall clearly identify the sponsoring party and exhibit number. Not necessary to remark exhibits because of election to not introduce some, i.e. can introduce 1, 2, and 4 without 3. Every individual page of a group exhibit should be marked, i.e. Father's Ex 1 page 1, Father's Ex 1, page 2, etc.
8. During trial Parties should be referred to as Husband or Wife or Mother or Father as appropriate for the comprehension of all involved.
9. If Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are requested of the Court by either Party, the other Party is Ordered to be noticed and each is Ordered to prepare proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in a form appropriate for the Judge's signature within ten (10) days of request.

10. In addition to filing Request for Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law with the Clerk, the Party requesting them is Ordered to immediately notify the Court Coordinator that such has been filed.
11. If the Court is required to interview children in chambers, the children must be available to the Court at the conclusion of testimony, unless they are in school. If the children are in school, the Party making the request shall notify the Court prior to the hearing in order to receive instructions from the Court as to the time and place for the interview.
12. In the absence of an agreement or unless otherwise ordered by the court, the prevailing party in a hearing will draft the order. If the prevailing party is pro se and the other party is represented, counsel for the other party will draft the Order.
13. If a Divorce pleading is served by publication, either 1) filing of a statement that they own nothing of value and they have no minor children, or 2) an Order Appointing an Attorney Ad Litem to represent the respondent will be required.
14. Before any Default Judgment will be granted, a Certificate of Last Known Address and an Affidavit of Military Status must first be filed in the case.

DATE: January 21, 2022



Reed A. Filley, Presiding Judge
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Dawson, Gaines, Garza and Lynn Counties