BRAZORIA COUNTY LOCAL CIVIL RULES

490TH DISTRICT COURT

All civil trials and ancillary setting requests for cases in the 490th District Court will be directed to:

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RULES FOR SETTING CIVIL MATTERS IN THE 490TH DISTRICT COURT

THE CIVIL TRIAL DOCKET

TRIAL SESSIONS:

The court will schedule a certain week each month for civil trials. This schedule will be posted in the office of the District Clerk and furnished to members of the bar on request. It will also be posted on the court's website. All cases are number one on the docket until the judge assigns the trial order. All Counsel are to be present at the docket call the morning their case is set for trial.

When you submit audio or video as evidence, please submit it in MP3/MP4 format.

SETTINGS:

A civil case may be set by an attorney of record or by the Court. All requests for trial settings may be set by an attorney of record or by the Court. All requests for trial settings must be in writing and must request a particular month. ***A signed DCO will not get your case set for trial, you must still send in a written request for trial, requesting the trial date in the DCO, in order for your case to be set on the trial docket.***

(a) Requests for trial settings must be in writing and addressed to the Court Coordinator and must contain the following:

1. Number and style of case
2. Month requested and the docket call date for said month.
3. Whether the case is jury or non-jury.

4. Certification that pleadings are in order, discovery is complete, requesting attorney has no conflicting settings and that settlement has been attempted.
5. Certification that each attorney of record has been served with a copy of the request for trial setting.

(b) Cases will be set upon receipt of timely request without further confirmation and will be placed on the docket in cause number order.

(c) Setting requests must be received not later than forty (40) days prior to the first day of the month requested for a trial setting, (Our cut-off date will be the 20th day of each month.)

A trial setting request form can be obtained from the court's website.

AGREED PASS:

The 490th District Court does not let counsel pass cases by agreement. Cases filed in the 490th can *only* be passed by the judge of that court.

PREFERENTIAL TRIAL SETTING:

The 490th District Court does not do preferential trial settings. Cases may be set preferably by motion to the judge setting forth specific grounds of good cause for such request. A hearing is required.

DISMISSAL DOCKET:

All cases pending more than eighteen (18) months will be placed on a "Try or Dismiss" docket, docket call to be announced.

THE CIVIL ANCILLARY DOCKET

SETTINGS:

Requests for hearing motions and other ancillary civil matters shall be made by telephone, in writing, or by e-mail to the Court Coordinator who will set the matter for an available day and time in accordance with the court's schedule. The requesting attorney must give proper written notice to all opposing counsel of such setting.

Ancillary week for the 490th District Court is the first (1st) week of every month. Requests for settings on all motions other than Summary Judgment motions must be made no later than the last Monday of the previous month. The court will not hear Motions for Summary Judgment on the day of trial.

COURTESY COPY:

When you set a Motion for Summary Judgment or any motions that have exhibits, please send a courtesy copy to the court so Judge Bridges may review them before the hearing date. ***An electronic copy is not considered a courtesy copy***.