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§ NAVARRO COUNTY, TEXAS

MISCELLANEOUS STANDING ORDER #1

The County Court at Law in Navarro County has general concurrent jurisdiction with the 13th Judicial District Court over civil, family and criminal matters. In an effort to reduce the number of contested motions that come before the Court, and to allow the Court to use its time more efficiently, the Court makes the following Order effective immediately.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all contested motions must be accompanied by a Certificate of Conference signed by the attorney pursuing the motion (or party if the party is proceeding pro se) that provides at least the following information:

1. That a conference was held, either in person or via telephone, with each attorney (or person if the person is proceeding pro se) who is directly affected by the requested relief;
2. The identity of the persons who participated in the conference and the date of the conference; and
3. A brief explanation as to why an agreement could not be reached.

A Certificate of Conference in substantially the following format will be considered sufficient to comply with this requirement:

I hereby certify that I contacted _____ (in person, via telephone) on _____ and conferred with him/her regarding _____. We were unable to come to an agreement regarding the motion and the matter is presented to the Court for resolution.

Attorney

If a conference was not held, the certifying attorney must explain why it was not possible to confer, in which event the motion will be presumed to be opposed. The person signing the Certificate of Conference is subject to Rule 13 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and all attorneys and parties are expected to confer in good faith.

The Court will presume that Motions for Summary Judgment, Pleas to the Jurisdiction and other dispositive motions which are not agreed to are contested and that a Certificate of Conference is not necessary for those motions.

The Court will not set a hearing on a contested motion without a Certificate of Conference.

Applications for Temporary Restraining Order or Temporary Injunction are subject to this Certificate of Conference Order unless it appears from specific facts shown by affidavit or a verified complaint that immediate and irreparable injury, loss or damage will result to the applicant before notice can be served and a hearing had.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorneys and parties are expected to reasonably promptly return telephone calls or respond to email messages or letters requesting a conference so that the party attempting to confer has a reasonable opportunity to communicate with an opposing attorney or party regarding the contested matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that with respect to discovery disputes, the attorneys (or parties if one or more of the parties is proceeding pro se) shall confer regarding each individual matter which is in dispute before filing a motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in family law cases, the attorneys (or parties if the parties are proceeding pro se) shall confer regarding each specific item which is the subject of

dispute in temporary orders (i.e. visitation, child support, etc.) prior to any hearing on temporary orders.

This Order is intended to take effect immediately.

SIGNED this the 19 day of March, 2012.



AMANDA D. PUTMAN
COUNTY COURT AT LAW JUDGE