#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 98-**9004** 

APPROVAL OF
LOCAL RULES FOR THE
THE 155<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT,
WALLER, AUSTIN, AND FAYETTE COUNTIES, TEXAS

#### **ORDERED** that:

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 3a, the Supreme Court of Texas approves the Local Rules for the 155<sup>th</sup> District Court, Waller, Austin, and Fayette Counties, Texas. The approval of these rules is temporary pending further orders of the Court.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 27 day of April, 1997.
Thomas, Mully
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice
Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice
Craig T. Enoch, Justice
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# LOCAL RULES 155TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

(WALLER, AUSTIN, AND FAYETTE COUNTIES)

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#### 101 - ORGANIZATION

- 101. The 155th Judicial District is enabled by V.T.C.A., Government Code Sec. 24.254. Austin, Fayette and Waller Counties comprise the district. Waller County is also served by the 9th Judicial District.
- 102. Waller County has a statutory county court enabled by V.T.C.A., Government Sec. 25.2391 and Sec. 25.2392.
- 103. Austin County has a statutory county court enabled by V.T.C.A., Government Code Sec. 25.0101 and Sec. 25.0102.
- 104. Fayette County has no statutory county court.
- 105. When concurrent jurisdiction exists with the respective statutory courts and the 155th District, the statutory court is the proper court in which to file.
- 106. District court filings in Waller County are rotated between the 9th District and the 155th District in random sequence.
- 107. Fayette and Austin Counties are in the Third Administrative Judicial Region.
- 108. Waller County is in the Second Administrative Judicial Region.
- 109. Cases appealed from the 155th District Court sitting in Fayette County are appealed to the Third Court of Appeals (Austin).
- 110. Cases appealed from the 155th District Court sitting in Austin County and Waller County are appealed to the First Court of Appeals or the Fourteenth Court of Appeals (Houston).

#### 200 - SETTINGS

- 201. Because the 155th is a multi-county, general jurisdiction court, settings can only be arranged within specified time windows.
- 202. A calendar is published before each calendar year. The calendar designates time set aside for each county.
- 203. All settings are to be initiated by contacting the court's coordinator. The coordinator will set all matters. (Because of time and personnel limitations, the court asks that inquiries about criminal settings in Austin and Fayette Counties be routed through the respective county's district attorney's office).
- 204. The parties are required to confer before requesting a trial setting. The conference should result in agreements reached re:
  - 204.01 trial dates to be requested
  - 204.02 scheduling orders
- 205. Scheduling Orders agreed upon by all parties will be summarily approved.
- 206. The Court will enter a Scheduling Order upon failure of the parties to agree.
- 207. No hearing on special exceptions will be set unless application for same is accompanied by a Certificate of Conference. The certificate shall be signed by all pertinent attorneys. The statement shall verify good faith effort of attorneys to resolve prior to court interference.

#### 300 - DISCOVERY

301. The Court encourages lawyers to resolve all discovery disputes before requesting Court resolution. Please verify that efforts for resolution have been made prior to requesting the Court's resolution of discovery disputes.

#### 400 - CONTINUANCES

- 401. There are limited time windows for trial in each of the three counties. It is important that settings conflicts are reported to the court's coordinator as soon as is possible.
- 402. Because of the limited time available in each county, the danger of harm created by continuances is exacerbated.
- 403. Parties are encouraged to reach agreement on continuance matters.
- 404. The coordinator will coordinate resets.

#### 500 - FAMILY LAW

- 501. Family Code Sec. 153.0071(b) will be implemented by the Court unless evidence is presented that medition will be detrimental.
- 502. In Family Law cases tried before the Court, provide the Court with an inventory of property that includes description, character and value. Indicate, on the Court's inventory, the fruits of conference with opposition. Indicte what's agreed to, what you need by way of Court rulings, and your proposal for division of property.

#### 600 - MEDIATION

- 601. Mediation is encouraged in all matters.
- 602. The standard Mediation Order is as follows:

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FURTHER ORDERED that the parties to the above described cause shall confer and, within 90 days of the filing of the pleading commencing the above described cause, may submit an Agreed Order nominating a Mediator in the above described cause who is qualified pursuant to Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. Sec. 152.003 or Sec. 154.052 and the date upon which the parties and the Mediator have agreed to conduct the mediation. In the event the parties submit said Agreed Order within 90 days of the filing of the pleading commencing this cause, the Clerk of the Court is directed to present said Agreed Order immediately to the Court for consideration and, in the event the Court signs said Agreed Order the Clerk of the Court is directed to substitute the name of the Mediator appearing therein for the name of the Mediator appearing in the following paragraph in this Order, and to transmit this revised Order to the parties and to said Mediator forthwith.

In the event the parties fail to submit an Agreed Order nominating said Mediator, or the Court refuses or fails to sign said Agreed Order, it is ORDERED that

\_\_\_\_\_ is appointed Mediator in this matter; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that all parties are directed to confer with the Mediator to establish a date for the mediation. The parties and the Mediator shall attempt to agree on a date for the mediation to be held within 120 days of the date of the filing of the pleading commencing the above described cause. In the event the parties cannot agree on a date, the Mediator shall select and set a date for the mediation to occur not later than 150 days of the date of the filing of the pleading commencing the above described cause; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that not less than three (3) days prior to the scheduled mediation the parties shall serve upon the Mediator a Memorandum as specified by the Mediator. The Memorandum shall not be made part of the Court's file in this case; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that all parties to the matter accompanied by their counsel if so represented, shall appear and attend the mediation and that each organization or agency party shall be represented by an officer or representative with authority and discretion to execute on behalf of the Party a binding written

agreement necessary to resolve the issues in dispute and fulfill the objectives of the agreement. No subpoenas, citations, writs or other process shall be served at or near the location of the mediation upon any person entering, leaving or attending the mediation; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that, upon completion of the mediation, the Mediator is directed to advise this Court when the process was completed, whether the parties and their counsel appeared as ordered, and whether a settlement resulted. As provided by Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. Sec. 154.053 and Sec. 154.073, all matters, including the conduct and demeanor of the parties and their counsel during the mediation process, are to remain confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone, including this Court. Except as may be permitted by Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. Sec. 154.073, neither the Mediator nor the Mediator's files shall be subject to a subpoena or to a request for production filed by any person; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, or the parties agree otherwise in writing, the Mediator's fees shall be borne equally by the parties, shall be paid by the parties directly to the Mediator and may, upon hearing, be taxed as costs of court.

FURTHER ORDERED that the District Clerk of the 155th Judicial District shall be caused to be transmitted to the attorney or the pro se party who filed the pleading commencing the above described cause a signed copy of this Standing Order; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the attorney or pro se party who filed the pleading commencing the above described cause is ORDERED to forward a signed copy of this Standing Order to each attorney or pro se party who enters an appearance in the above described cause within five (5) days of his or her receipt of notice of said appearance; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Order Adopting Local Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution signed by this Court on May 15, 1991 and the Local Rules for Alternative Dispute Resolution adopted pursuant to said Order are hereby withdrawn.

MEDIATION IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO AND NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR TRIAL. THIS MATTER WILL BE TRIED IF NOT SETTLED.

SIGNED this day of , 19	19.
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DAN R. BECK, PRESIDING JUDGE 155th Judicial District Court

#### 700 - PRE-TRIAL

- 701. Pre-Trial Conference will be set for all contested jury trials.
- 702. To do before Pre-Trial Conference:
  - 702.01 Mark and exchange all exhibits (Exhibits that cannot be practically exchanged are to be made available).
  - 702.02 Exhibits, charts, graphs, etc. intended for demonstrative use during voir dire, opening statements, or closing statements are to be exchanged.
  - 702.03 Prepare exhibits lists for parties, reporter, Court.
  - 702.04 Identify the exhibits that will not be ojected to.
  - 702.05 Identify basis(es) for objection(s) to specific exhibits.
  - 702.06 Verify that names of expert witnesses (complete with identifying information) has been exchanged at least 90 days before scheduled trial date (unless Discovery Rules are invoked resulting in <u>earlier</u> exchange).
  - 702.07 Verify that substance of the testimony concerning which the expert witness is expected to testify has been exchanged at least 90 days before trial (unless Discovery Rules are invoked resulting in earlier exchange).
  - 702.08 Non-Expert Witnesses

Verify that identifying information has been exchanged at least 90 days before trial date (unless Discovery Rules are involved resulting in earlier exchange).

- 702.09 Motions-in-Limine are to be exchanged and reasonable resolution of disputes is to be legitimately pursued.
  - 702.091 Unresolved Motions-in-Limine disputes are to be identified and presented to the Court 30 minutes before jury selection is to begin.

#### 703. To do at Pre-Trial Conference:

- 703.01 Review clerk's file in order to assure that all orders have been appropriately signed and entered.
- 703.02 Resolve remaining disputes.
- 703.03 Receive Court's trial schedule for trial week.
- 703.04 Receive voir dire times, opening statement times, any other time parameters from the Court.

#### 800 - TRIAL NOTEBOOK

801. Trial notebook for Court in Jury Trials is to be delivered to the Court the day of and before jury selection begins. Please, include the following:

#### 801.01 Cover page:

- 801.011 Complete name, address, phone number of your client.
- 801.012 If your client is a corporation, business, etc. that has a "complicated" name, suggest a "shortened" nickname that can be used throughout the trial.
- 801.013 Complete name, address, firm name, phone number, of all attorneys on your side.
- 801.02 Cause(s) of action page:
  - 801.021 Identify each cause.
  - 801.022 Give in 20 words, or less, an outline of facts you intend to prove to support each cause.
- 801.03 Complete proposed charge:
  - 801.031 Present all proposed questions, definitions, instructions in a form that allows indication of Court's ruling.
  - 801.032 Key each to the specific cause of action.
- 801.04 Live pleadings.
- 801.05 Exhibits list (in "check off" form).

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#### Sec. 25.0101.\* Austin County

Austin County has one statutory county court, the County Court at Law of Austin County.

#### Sec. 25.0102. Austin County Court at Law Provisions

- (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Austin County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:
  - (1) civil cases in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$500 and does not exceed \$50,000, excluding interest and any requested attorney's fees; and
  - (2) family law cases and proceedings.
- (b) A county court at law has terms beginning on the first Mondays of March, June, September, and December of each year.
- (c) The judge of a county court at law must:
  - (1) be a licensed attorney in this state who has actively practiced law for at least four years before appointment or election;
  - (2) be well informed in the laws of the state; and
  - (3) have resided in and actively practiced law in the county for at least two years immediately preceding appointment or election.
- (d) The judge of a county court at law may not engage in the private practice of law.
- (e) The judge of a county court at law shall be paid an annual salary that is at least equal to 75 percent of the annual salary paid by the state to a district judge in the county. The salary shall be paid by the county treasurer on order of the commissioners court. The judge is entitled to travel expenses and necessary office expenses including administrative and clerical personnel, in the same manner as is allowed the county judge.
- (f) A special judge for a county court at law may be appointed or elected as provided by law for county courts. If the judge of a county court at law is disqualified to try a case pending in the judge's court, the parties or their attorneys may agree on the selection of a special judge. A special judge is entitled to the same rate of compensation as the regular judge.

\*All code references are to the Government Code

- (g) The district clerk serves as clerk of a county court at law in family law cases and proceedings, and the county clerk serves as clerk of the court in all other cases. The district clerk shall establish a separate docket for a county court at law. The commissioners court may employ the assistant district attorneys, deputy sheriffs, and bailiffs necessary to serve a county court at law.
- (h) Practice in a county court at law is that prescribed by law for county courts, except that practice and procedure, rules of evidence, issuance of process and writs, and all other matters pertaining to the conduct of trials and hearings in the county court at law involving family law cases and proceedings shall be governed by this section and the laws and rules pertaining to district courts. If a family law case or proceeding is tried before a jury, the jury shall be composed of 12 members; in all other cases the jury shall be composed of six members.
- (i) The jurisdiction and authority vested by law in the county court for the drawing, selection, and service of jurors shall also be exercised by a county court at law. Jurors summoned for the county court or a county court at law may, by order of the judge of the court to which they are summoned, be transferred to another court for service. If the judges of the county court and the county court at law agree, jurors may be summoned for service in a court and used interchangeably. On request of the county court judge or the judge of a county court at law, jurors regularly impaneled for a week by the district court may be made available and shall serve for the week in the county court or county court at law.
- (j) The County Court at Law of Austin County is abolished and Section 25.0101 and this section expire December 31, 1991.

#### Sec. 25.0102. Austin County Court at Law Provisions

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Austin County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in family law cases and proceedings.

#### (See main volume for (b))

(c) Repealed by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 746, Sec. 70, eff. Oct. 1, 1991.

#### (See main volume for (d) to (i))

(j) Repealed by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 861, Sec. 1, eff. June 14, 1989.

#### Sec. 25.2391. Waller County

(a) Waller County has one statutory county court, the County Court at Law of Waller County.

(b) The County Court at Law of Waller County sits in Hempstead.

#### Sec. 25.2392. Waller County Court at Law Provisions

- (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Waller County has:
- (1) concurrent with the county court, the probate jurisdiction provided by general law for county courts; and
  - (2) concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:
    - (A) civil cases in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$500 and does not exceed \$20,000, excluding interest; and
    - (B) family law cases and proceedings.
- (b) A county court at law has four terms of court beginning on the first Mondays of January, April, July, and October of each year.
- (c) The judge of a county court at law must:
  - (1) have been a bona fide resident in the county for at least two years before appointment or election;
  - (2) be a qualified voter in the county;
  - (3) be at least 30 years of age; and
  - (4) be a licensed attorney in this state who have actively practiced law in the state for at least five years before appointment or election.
- (d) The judge of a county court a law may not engage in the private practice of law.
- (e) The judge of a county court at law shall be paid an annual salary that is at least equal to 85 percent of the amount paid by the state to a district judge. The salary shall be paid by the county treasurer on order of the commissioners court. The judge of a county court at law is entitled to travel expenses and necessary office expenses, including administrative and clerical assistance, in the same manner as the county judge.
- (f) A special judge of a county court at law with the same

qualifications as the regular judge may be appointed or elected in the manner provided by law for the appointment or election of a special county judge. If a judge of a county court at law is disqualified to try a case pending in the judge's court, the parties or their attorneys may agree on the selection of a special judge for the case. A special judge is entitled to the same rate of compensation as the regular judge.

- (g) The district clerk serves as clerk of a county court at law in family law cases and proceedings, and the county clerk serves as clerk of the court in all other cases and proceedings. The commissioners court may employ as many deputy sheriffs and bailiffs as are necessary to serve the court.
- (h) The judge of a county courty at law may appoint an official court reporter or the judge may contract for the service of a court reporter under guidelines established by the commissioners court.
- (i) If a case enumerated in Subsection (a)(2) is tried before a jury, the jury shall be composed of 12 members.
- (j) The laws governing the drawing, selection, service, and pay of jurors for county courts apply to a county court at law. Jurors regularly impaneled for a week by the district court may, on request of the judge of a county court at law, be made available and shall serve for the week in a county court at law.
- (k) Appeals in civil and criminal cases from judgments and orders of the county court at law are to the court of appeals as provided for appeals from district and county courts. All cases appealed from the justice courts and other inferior courts in the county are to a county court at law, unless otherwise provided by law.

#### Sec. 25.2392. Waller County Court at Law Provisions

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Waller County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in family law cases and proceedings.

#### (See main volume for (b))

(c) Repealed by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 746, Sec. 70, eff. Oct. 1, 1991.

(See main volumne for (d) to (k))

#### Sec. 25.0003. Jurisdiction

- (a) A statutory county court has jurisdiction over all causes and proceedings, civil and criminal, original and appellate, prescribed by law for county courts.
- (b) A statutory county court does not have jurisdiction over causes and proceedings concerning roads, bridges, and public highways and the general administration of county business that is within the jurisdiction of the commissioners court of each county.
- (b) A statutory county court exercising civil jurisdiction concurrent with the constitutional jurisdiction of the county court has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$5,000, excluding interest.

#### Sec. 25.0003. Jurisdiction

(See main volume for (a) and (b))

- (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, a statutory county court exercising civil jurisdiction concurrent with the constitutional jurisdiction of the county court has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:
  - (1) civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$100,000, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on the face of the petition; and
  - (2) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, regardless of the amount in controversy.
- (d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), a statutory county court has, concurrent with the county court, the probate jurisdiction provided by general law for county courts.
- (e) In a county that has a statutory probate court, a statutory probate court is the only county court created by statute with probate jurisdiction.

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December 1, 1997

Honorable John Adams Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas P. O. Box 12248 Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Local Rules, 155th Judicial District: Waller, Austin, Fayette Counties

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed for approval by the Justices of the Supreme Court are Local Rules of the 155<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, which includes Waller County in the Second Administrative Region, and Austin and Fayette Counties in the Third Administrative Region. These may have been sent to you directly from the 155<sup>th</sup> District Court, however they are now submitting a change on page 8.

I hereby approve these Local Rules, and am sending a complete set for your convenience. Please advise this office upon the Court's approval.

Thank you for your usual courtesies.

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**Enclosures** 

Cc: Honorable Dan Beck



#### THIRD ADMINISTRATIVE JUDICIAL REGION

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December 1, 1997

The Honorable Thomas R. Phillips Chief Justice, The Supreme Court of Texas P.O. Box 12248 Austin, Texas 78711

RE: PROPOSED LOCAL RULES OF THE 155TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Dear Chief Justice Phillips:

Enclosed you will find proposed Local Rules of the 155th Judicial District, comprised of Waller, Austin, and Fayette Counties.

I have approved these rules as shown on the enclosed order.

I respectfully request this matter be submitted to the Supreme Court for their consideration and approval.

Very truly yours

B.B. Schraub

BBS/dg

Enclosure

xc: The Honorable Dan R. Beck

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

The attached Local Rules for the 155th Judicial District, comprised of Waller, Austin and Fayette Counties are hereby approved and transmitted to the Supreme Court of Texas for final action this 1st day of December, 1997.

B.B. Schraub, Presiding Judge Third Administrative Judicial Region



Office of the

# **DISTRICT COURT**

#### 155TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AUSTIN, FAYETTE, WALLER COUNTIES

JUDGE: Dan R. Beck COORDINATOR: Caroline Mazoch (409) 968-8500 (409) 968-8500

November 20, 1997

Mailing Address: Fayette County Courthouse La Grange, Texas 78945

Ms. Elizabeth Saunders The Texas Supreme Court P. O. Box 12248 Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Local Rules

155th Judicial District

Dear Ms. Saunders:

On October 17, 1997 we mailed to you our proposed local rules. If am resubmitting our local rules. We have made a change in 701. We deleted "in all cases" and replaced with "for all contested jury trials".

I apologize in taking so long to mail this to you. I recently attended the TACA Conference as well as took vacation and am trying to get back in line.

Please review for purposes of approval.

Sincerely,

Caroline Mazoch <del>Court Co</del>ordinator

CM Encl.



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May 5, 1998

Hon. Dan R. Beck 155th District Court 151 N. Washington, Rm. 207 La Grange, Texas 78945

Dear Judge Beck,

Please find enclosed, a copy of the order of the Supreme Court that approved local rules for the 155th District Court.

Sincerely,

#### SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk

Encl.

Hon. Olen Underwood 2nd Admin Judicial Rgn

> Hon. B. B. Schraub 3rd Admin Judicial Rgn

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