

BRAZORIA COUNTY LOCAL CIVIL RULES

239th DISTRICT COURT

All civil trial and ancillary setting requests for District Court cases in the 239th District Court will be directed to:

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RULES FOR SETTING CIVIL MATTERS IN BRAZORIA COUNTRY

THE CIVIL TRIAL DOCKET

TRIAL SESSIONS: Civil jury trial weeks will be the second Monday of every month. This schedule will be posted in the office of the District Clerk and furnished to members of the bar on request. Non-Jury trials will back-up jury trials.

SETTINGS: A civil case may be set by an attorney of record or by the Court. A setting will be for a particular month and will not be assigned to a specific week until the call of the monthly docket unless the parties are able to agree on a particular date furnished by the court.

(a) Requests for setting will be in writing, addressed to the Civil Docket Coordinator and contain the following:

1. Number and style of case.
2. Month requested.
3. Specify 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. Name, Address, Telephone Number, and E-Mail address of each Attorney of record and certification that each 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 3rd Monday of each month.)

DOCKET CALL: The civil docket will be called at 1:45 p.m. on the second Friday of each month for all cases set for trial during the following month. Lead counsel is required to be present unless excused by the presiding judge. At the docket call, cases will be set for trial during a specific week of the month.

AGREED PASS: Cases filed in the 239th can only be passed by the judge of that court.

PREFERENTIAL TRIAL SETTING Cases may be set out of order on a Motion for Preferential Trial Setting Granted by the Judge and setting forth specific grounds of good cause for such request. A hearing is required on the Motion for Preferential Trial Setting.

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 ancillary civil matters shall be made by telephone or in writing to the Civil Docket Coordinator. The requesting attorney must give proper written notice to all opposing counsel of such setting.

Ancillary dates for the 239th District Court are always the fourth (4th) Monday and Tuesday of every month. Hearing times are 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 and 1:00. The Court does not have a submission docket. All motions will be given an oral hearing date and time upon request to the Court Coordinator.