

**AMENDED RULES  
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS  
HONORABLE ALFRED S. GERSON  
EFFECTIVE BEGINNING MAY 21, 2008**

There is no docket call in this Court. It will be presumed that your case is ready for trial when it appears on a docket.

**ANCILLARY DOCKET (Hearings)**

It shall be the duty of the party requesting the hearing to obtain a date and time by calling (409) 835- 8470 the Clerk of the Court and notifying all other counsel of record of such hearing in writing with a copy to this Court.

**TRIALS**

In order to be placed on a trial docket you will need to fill out the form (attached) and send it to the address stated. All blanks should be properly filled in.

Trials will be set by the Court as nearly as possible in the order in which they are requested.

Jury fee (\$22.00) if applicable must be paid 30 days prior to the trial month.

Trial dockets will be mailed at least 75 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month in which your case is set. (First notice)

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to your docket month you will be sent notice advising day and time the trial is scheduled. (Second Notice)

All motions for continuance must be filed 30 days prior to the trial month. Granting motions permitting change in representation shall not be grounds for a continuance.

**DOCKET CONTROL ORDER**

**1. EXPERT WITNESS DESIGNATIONS:**

A. Plaintiff shall designate testifying expert witnesses no later than 55 days before the trial month.

B. Each Defendant shall designate their respective testifying expert witnesses no later than 45 days before the trial month.

**2. PLEADINGS**

The deadline to amend or supplement pleadings is no later than 30 days before the trial month.

**3. DISCOVERY PERIOD:**

All discovery must be completed no later than 30 days before the trial month.

All other pleadings, including but not limited to Special Exceptions, Motions to Compel, Motions for Continuance, Interrogatories, Admissions, Request for Production, Depositions and all other written pleadings and amendments must be filed no later than 30 days before the trial month.

**PRETRIAL REQUISITES**

Motions in Limine and Proposed Jury Questions to be filed with the Clerk of this Court, **not the County Clerk's Office**, and exchanged by attorneys by 9:00 a.m. the day **before** the trial begins. Motions in Limine and Jury Questions may not be amended after submission to Court. Failure to comply with Pretrial Requisites will result in a **fine of \$100**. It's no excuse if you have not read these rules.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2008.

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Alfred S. Gerson, Judge Presiding