

**CHAMBERS OF  
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136<sup>th</sup> District Court  
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THE 136<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT WILL POST A NEW TRIAL DOCKET THE FIRST WEEK OF EACH MONTH.

WEBSITE POSTING OF THE TRIAL DOCKETS FOR THE 136<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT BEGAN WITH ITS JUNE 2004 TRIAL DOCKET. ALL TRIAL DOCKETS PRIOR TO JUNE 2004 WERE MAILED TO ALL COUNSEL.

Posted on this website are the current trial dockets for the 136<sup>th</sup> District Court. There are two methods of placement on a trial docket. Cases that are two years old are automatically scheduled on the try-or-dismiss docket. FAILURE TO ANNOUNCE READY BY DOCKET CALL DATE ON A TRY-OR-DISMISS CASE WILL RESULT IN THE CASE'S DISMISSAL FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION. All cases on this docket not designated as "try-or-dismiss" were set by request. A trial setting request from either party indicates the following:

- 1) All pleadings are in order.
- 2) All discovery is complete or will be completed by the time of trial including designations of experts and the taking of their depositions, if necessary.
- 3) Lead counsel is available for trial.

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MET, COUNSEL ARE DIRECTED TO BRING THEIR CASE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THE CASE IS SET.

If your case is designated as a "special setting", the case will NOT be continued for any of the following reasons:

- 1) Discovery is not complete/the case is not ready to be tried.
- 2) The case should first be mediated.
- 3) Unavailability of a party or witness unless medical emergency (supported by affidavits from healthcare providers).
- 4) Unresolved discovery disputes.

- 5) Conflicting trial schedules (absent Order overruling Motion for Continuance in conflicting setting which states you are specially set in this case).
- 6) Recent discovery of new witnesses, parties or evidence unless it/they could not be discovered before now.
- 7) Vacation letter.
- 8) Difficulty in getting ready for trial due to conflicting trial schedules.
- 9) Protective Order from another court, unless entered over your written objection.

**Some of these cases may have multiple settings. If your case is also CURRENTLY set on another EARLIER docket, it does NOT indicate that the earlier setting has been passed. In this event, this setting should be considered a back-up to the earlier setting.**

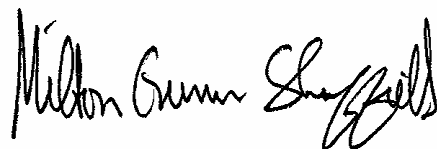
Before your case is to be tried, a pre-trial conference will be held to hear Motions in Limine, exchange exhibit lists and resolve all objections to same. A list of all exhibits must be furnished to the Court, the court reporter and opposing counsel. All stipulations that are entered into will be filed or dictated into the record. Each counsel will also provide the Court and all other counsel of record with their proposed issues and instructions to be included in the charge. The issues and instructions insofar as possible will be in the form contained in the Texas Pattern Jury Charges.

**Docket call date is given on the first page of the trial docket. ANY MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE MUST BE FILED AND A HEARING SET PRIOR TO DOCKET CALL.**

**If your case is designated as “try-or-dismiss”, it will not be passed by agreement nor automatically granted with an “agreed” or “unopposed” Motion for Continuance. A HEARING IS MANDATORY.**

**AFTER DOCKET CALL, THE WEBSITE POSTING WILL BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE RESULTS OF DOCKET CALL AND THE PLACEMENT OF THE CASES FOR THE MONTH.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Milton Gunn Shuffield". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Judge Milton Gunn Shuffield  
136<sup>th</sup> District Court