

JEFFERSON
COUNTY CIVIL
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MEMO

To: All Counsel

From: 58th District Court
60th District Court
136th District Court
172nd District Court

Date: 1/13/04

Re: Trial Dockets

As you may know, Jefferson County, like many other units of state and local government, is currently facing severe budgetary constraints. As a consequence, the District Courts of Jefferson County have been called upon to make major across-the-board budget cuts, approximately 6% of their total budgets. The only way such cutbacks can be accomplished without laying off personnel or cutting salaries is to make severe cuts in other, non-salary, and budget items. One such item is postage.

Currently, each trial court spends a number of thousands of dollars annually in postage, mailing out the large docket each month, listing the cases set for trial. These dockets are, and have been for some time, available on the internet through the Jefferson County web site, whose web address is <http://co.jefferson.tx.us>. The judges of Jefferson County have concluded

that the only way the required budget cuts can be achieved without layoffs or salary cuts is to discontinue sending the printed dockets through the mail, and to advise attorneys of trial settings ONLY by posting one copy of each month's printed docket for each court on the county web page, and by posting another copy on each court's bulletin board adjacent to the court in the courthouse.

THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE that henceforth, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, counsel in cases pending in the civil district courts of Jefferson County will no longer receive notice of trial settings by mail, but will receive notice thereof ONLY by having the monthly docket posted on the county web page, and on the physical bulletin board located adjacent to each civil court. BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY, COUNSEL WILL NOT RECEIVE ANYTHING IN THE MAIL ADVISING OF A TRIAL SETTING!!