

CAUSE NO. _____

PLAINTIFFS,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
	§	
V.	§	_____ COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
DEFENDANTS.	§	394TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**CIVIL CASE SCHEDULING ORDER:
EXPEDITED ACTION (DISCOVERY LEVEL 1)**

IT IS ORDERED that in accordance with TRCP 47, 169, and 190.2, and in the interest of efficient and timely disposition of this case, the following schedule shall apply in this case unless later modified by further order of the Court:

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| _____ | DATE OF FILING OF ORIGINAL PETITION. |
| _____ | DATE OF FILING OF SERVICE |
| _____ | PLAINTIFFS' EXPERT WITNESS DESIGNATION DEADLINE. |
| (120 days from date of service) | |
| _____ | DEFENDANTS' EXPERT WITNESS DESIGNATION DEADLINE. |
| (135 days from date of service) | |
| _____ | DISCOVERY REQUESTS. All discovery requests and deposition notices must be propounded by this date. Discovery shall be in accordance with the limits of Level 1 of TRCP 190.2. Counsel may initiate discovery beyond this deadline by agreement, only. Incomplete discovery will not delay the Trial Ready date. |
| (150 days from date of service) | |
| _____ | DEPOSITION AND DISCOVERY DEADLINE. All noticed depositions shall be completed and discovery answered and supplemented by this date. |
| (180 days from date of service) | |
| _____ | MEDIATION DEADLINE. Mediation process must be completed on or before this date. The mediation shall be a one-half day mediation using an agreed mediator of the parties' choice. The parties may forego mediation in the case by filing a written agreement signed by both parties, prior to the mediation deadline. |
| (210 days from date of service) | |

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISMISS ON “MEDIATION DEADLINE.”
THIS CASE WILL BE DISMISSED FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION
under the Court’s inherent power for failure to diligently prosecute this case,
if, prior to Mediation Deadline, mediation is not completed.**

AFFIRMATIVE PLEADINGS. All amendments and supplements seeking affirmative relief or advancing defenses, must be filed by this date.

RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS. Deadline for filing additional pleadings that do not seek additional affirmative relief, that are directly responsive to any timely filed affirmative pleadings by other parties.

(240 days from date of service)

DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS. All dispositive motions, including summary judgment motions, must be filed on or before this date.

(240 days from date of service)

TRIAL READY. The Parties shall be prepared and ready for trial by this date. The parties shall exchange witness and exhibit lists by this date. Trial may be scheduled at any time on or after this date. In addition, by this date the parties must inform the court coordinator, in writing, if a Spanish language interpreter will be needed for trial.

PRETRIAL CONFERENCE. Parties shall be prepared to discuss all aspects of trial with the court. All pending motions, including dispositive motions, shall be considered at this time. Electronic copies of all exhibits shall be produced to the Court, on a thumb-drive. Digital Files should be labeled as, “Plaintiff John Doe Exh. No. 3,” “Defendant Jane Smith Exh. No. 82,” and so on. For jury cases, proposed Jury Charges and Motions in Limine shall be submitted by this date. All objections to witnesses and exhibits shall be considered at this time. This date shall be set by separate order of the Court.

TRIAL. Exact date of trial shall be set by separate order of the Court, at least sixty days after completion of the mediation process, and within 90 days of the Discovery Deadline (ie. by day 270). The parties shall be limited to 8 hours per side during trial, as provided by TRCP 169(d)(3).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the above-stated deadlines and limitations are in effect during the pendency of this suit. Any deadlines above that fall on a weekend or Texas or Federal holiday, shall carry forward to the next work day. These deadlines may be changed by Rule 11 agreement between counsel, with the exception of Pretrial Conference, Pretrial Hearing, Mediation Deadline, Trial Ready, and Trial, each of which requires Order of the Court. Rule 11 Agreements will not delay the Trial Ready date or Trial Date. Court ordered extensions or continuances of the Trial Ready date or Trial Date will not automatically reopen closed periods or renew passed deadlines.

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

JUDGE PRESIDING

Agreed and Approved:

Counsel for Plaintiff

Counsel for Defendant

Counsel for Plaintiff

Counsel for Defendant

Counsel for Plaintiff

Counsel for Defendant