

423RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING FAMILY LAW CASES HEARD IN THE 423RD
JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS**

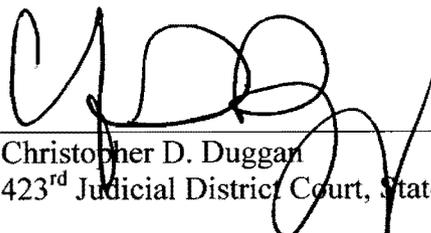
No party to any family lawsuit heard in the 423rd Judicial District Court of Bastrop County, Texas has requested this Order. Rather, this Order is a standing Order of the 423rd Judicial District Court of Bastrop County, Texas that applies to every divorce suit and every suit affecting the parent-child relationship heard by the 423rd Judicial District Court of Bastrop County, Texas. The 423rd Judicial District Court of Bastrop County, Texas, has adopted this order because parties and their children should be protected and their property preserved and all parties deserve to be treated in a fair and equitable manner in their lawsuit. Therefore, it is ORDERED:

No **contested** family law cases (divorces and suits affecting the parent-child relationship) heard by the 423rd Judicial District Court of Bastrop County, Texas shall receive a final hearing setting unless the case is first set for a Rule 166 (Texas Rules of Civil Procedure) Pre-trial conference hearing ("status conference") on the Court's uncontested docket. The purpose of the hearing will be for the Court to determine the issues surrounding the final hearing, determine if the parties have completed a parenting class (if necessary) and for the Court to determine if sworn inventories and Proposed Property Divisions have been exchanged by the parties. The Court will also determine if alternative dispute resolution (mediation) is possible.

The Court reserves the right to waive this requirement on a case by case basis and set an appropriate case for a final hearing without the Pre-trial conference hearing.

THIS 423RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS, STANDING ORDER SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

SIGNED and ENTERED this 22nd day of June, 2012.



Christopher D. Duggan
423rd Judicial District Court, State of Texas

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DATE 6-22-12
Sarah Loucks
District Clerk, Bastrop County