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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:

- (1) 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.

- (2) Attorneys representing a party to any family lawsuit heard by the 423rd Judicial District Court of Bastrop County, Texas, (or the party if they are Pro Se and representing themselves) must file a Disposition Proposal in accordance with Rule 7.14 AND Financial Information Statements (sworn inventories) in accordance with Rule 7.16 of the Local Rules that were adopted by the District Judges serving Bastrop County and filed with the Bastrop County District Clerk's Office on June 18th, 2014.

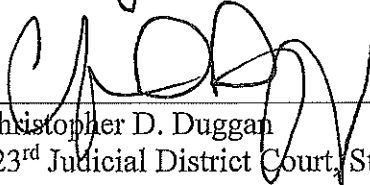
The Court reserves the right to reset any Final Hearing on any family law case if these rules are not followed. Additionally, the Court reserves the right to waive these requirements on a case by case basis.

- (3) All parties to all contested family law cases shall attempt some type of alternative dispute resolution before any Final Hearing heard by the 423rd District Court such as mediation through a private mediator or through the Frank G. Evans Dispute Resolution Services of Bastrop County. A written certification of the attempt at resolving the family law case through alternative dispute resolution shall be filed with Bastrop County District Clerk's Office prior to the Final Hearing.

The Court reserves the right to waive this requirement on a case by case basis.

THIS 423RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS, STANDING ORDER REPLACES THE STANDING ORDER DATED JUNE 22, 2012 AND SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

SIGNED and ENTERED this 27th day of January, 2020.



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