

BRAZORIA COUNTY LOCAL CIVIL RULES

239th DISTRICT COURT

All civil trial and ancillary setting requests for cases in the 239th District Court will be directed to:

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RULES FOR SETTING CIVIL MATTERS IN THE 239TH DISTRICT COURT

THE CIVIL TRIAL DOCKET

TRIAL SESSIONS: The court will schedule certain weeks each month for civil trials. This schedule will be posted in the office of the District Clerk and furnished to members of the bar on request. It will also be posted on the court's website. Odd numbered months will have two weeks scheduled for civil trials, and even numbered months will have one week scheduled for trials. All cases are no. 1 on the docket until the judge assigns the trial order. All Counsel is required to be present at the docket call the morning their case is set for trial

SETTINGS: A civil case may be set by an attorney of record or by the Court. All requests for trial settings must be in writing and must request a particular month. Cases will be assigned to a specific week in that month at the call of the monthly docket. A signed DCO will not get your case set for trial, you must still send in a written request for trial, requesting the trial date in the DCO, in order for your case to be set on the trial docket.

- (a) Requests for trial settings must be in writing and addressed to the Court Coordinator and must contain the following:
1. Number and style of case.
 2. Month requested and the docket call date for said month.
 3. Whether the case is jury or non-jury.
 4. Certification that pleadings are in order, discovery is complete, requesting attorney has no conflicting settings and that settlement has been attempted.

5. Certification that each attorney of record has been served with a copy of the request for trial setting.

- (b) Cases will be set upon receipt of timely request without further confirmation and will be placed on the docket in cause number order.
- (c) Setting requests must be received not later than forty (40) days prior to the first day of the month requested for a trial setting. (Our cut-off date will be the 20th day of each month.)

A trial setting request form can be obtained from the court's website.

DOCKET CALL: The civil docket will be called at 1:45 p.m. on the second Friday of each month for all cases set for trial during the following month. Lead counsel is required to be present unless excused by the court. At the docket call, cases will be set for trial during a specific week of the month.

AGREED PASS: The 239th District Court does not let counsel pass cases by agreement. Cases filed in the 239th can only be passed by the judge of that court.

PREFERENTIAL TRIAL SETTING The 239th District Court does not do preferential trial settings. Cases may be set out of order by motion to the judge setting forth specific grounds of good cause for such request. A hearing is required.

DISMISSAL DOCKET: All cases pending more than eighteen (18) months will be placed on a "Try or Dismiss" docket, docket call to be announced.

THE CIVIL ANCILLARY DOCKET

SETTINGS: Requests for hearing motions and other ancillary civil matters shall be made by telephone, in writing, or by e-mail to the Court Coordinator who will set the matter for an available day and time in accordance with the court's schedule. The requesting attorney must give proper written notice to all opposing counsel of such setting.

Ancillary week for the 239th District Court is the fourth (4th) week of every month with the exception of the month of December. Motions for Summary Judgment will be heard on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week, all other motions will be heard on Monday. Requests for settings on all motions other than Summary Judgment motions must be made no later than the 3rd Monday of the month. The court will not hear Motions for Summary Judgment on the day of trial