

RULE 1

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Time Standards for Case Disposition

Pursuant to Article 5, ' 31 of the Texas Constitution, ' ' 22.004, 72.002(2) and 74.024 of the Texas Government Code, Title 3 of the Texas Family Code, Rule 6 of the Rules of Judicial Administration, and Rules 1, 3, 4, and 5 of the Regional Rules of Judicial Administration, time standards have been established to which reference is made for all purposes, as they now exist, or as they may be hereafter amended.

RULE 1.11

Court Sessions; Annual Calendars; Jury Weeks; Non-Jury Weeks; Criminal-Civil Weeks; Not in Session; Holidays

(A) Each County Court at Law shall prepare and post outside of its courtroom a semi-annual calendar generally setting out the daily and weekly dockets of the court.

(B) Each County Court at Law shall prepare and post daily, outside of its courtroom, a specific docket or dockets of the matters being considered by the court at a particular docket call.

(C) Each County Court at Law will be governed by and will observe all holidays approved and established by Commissioners' Court of Fort Bend County.

RULE 1.12

Hours of Court Proceedings

No Local Rules under this subdivision.

RULE 1.13

Emergency and Special Sessions

(A) Except in emergencies when the Clerk's Office is not open for business, no application for immediate or temporary relief shall be presented to a Judge until it has been filed and assigned to a Court as provided in these Rules.

(B) If the Judge of the Court to which such case is assigned is absent or is occupied with other matters, and the other County Court at Law is absent, such application may be assigned by the Local Administrative Judge, to any Judge who may sit for the Judge of the court in which that case is pending and shall make all orders, writs and process returnable to that Court.

(C) Hearings on applications for temporary injunctions, temporary receiverships, and the like, shall be set in the Court to which the case has been assigned by consulting with that Court.

(D) All applications for ex parte relief shall state whether or not, within the

knowledge of applicant and his attorney, the opposing party is represented by counsel and, if so, the name of such counsel.

(E) The party requesting such temporary relief shall be present in Court at the time such relief is requested, unless the Court waives this requirement for good cause shown.

Emergency Orders

(A) Whenever immediate action of a Judge is required in an emergency when the Clerk's office is not open for business, the case shall, nevertheless, at the earliest practicable time be docketed and assigned to a Court as provided by these Rules, and all writs and process shall be returnable to that Court.

(B) If the Judge of such Court is not available at the time set, the Local Administrative Judge may designate any Judge having jurisdiction to hear the application for temporary relief.