

CAUSE NO. _____

PETITIONER

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IN THE _____ DISTRICT COURT

VS

OF

RESPONDENT

LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS

SCHEDULING ORDER

Based on the information available to the court, the following scheduling order shall apply to this case unless modified by the court. If no date is given below, the item is governed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. If no date is required, the attorney for each party shall initial the applicable line confirming that it is not applicable to this case.

1. _____ **JOINDER.** All parties must be added and served, whether by amendment or third party practice, by this date. THE PARTY CAUSING THE JOINDER SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS SCHEDULING ORDER AT THE TIME OF SERVICE.
2. _____ **AD LITEM.** Any necessary attorney or guardian ad litem appointments have been made or shall be made by this date.
3. _____ **WITNESSES.** A list must be filed which includes the name, address, and topic of testimony of each expert witness and fact witness by this date. Expert fact witnesses not listed in compliance with this paragraph will not be permitted to testify absent a showing of good cause. This designation is not a substitute for any required interrogatory supplementation.
4. _____ **PARENTING SEMINAR** will be completed by both parties by this date.
5. _____ **DISCOVERY.** All discovery requests and deposition notices must be filed by this date. Discovery may be initiated after this date by stipulation in conformity with Rule 11, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Incomplete discovery will not delay the trial date.
6. _____ **PSYCHOLOGICAL/CUSTODIAL EVALUATION OR SOCIAL STUDY** to be completed by this date.
7. _____ **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** It is anticipated that the parties shall cooperate in an ADR procedure, under the terms and conditions ordered by the Court. Mediation should be scheduled by this date with a private mediator or with the Lubbock County Dispute Resolution Center. If mediation is not scheduled by the scheduling deadline date, the mediation will be held on the default mediation date a the time given. You may mediate prior to the default mediation date. However, mediation **may not** be held after this date or cancelled without prior approval from the Court. Should the parties agree to use a selected neutral for this case, they should notify the Lubbock County Dispute Resolution Center and the Court prior to the scheduling deadline date. The mediator shall report the outcome of the ADR procedure to the Lubbock County Dispute Resolution Center and the Court consistent with the provisions of the Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. Section 154. Contact the Lubbock County Dispute Resolution Center for more information or wait for correspondence from the Master of Dispute Resolution. The Master's letter will be transmitted within 30 days after issuance of this order.
(Private Scheduling Deadline)

(Default Mediation Date)
@ _____ a.m./p.m.
- _____ **IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR FOR MEDIATION BEFORE DRC, and/or YOU HAVE NOT CANCELLED AT LEAST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE, you will be assessed \$75.00 as court costs. Notify the Court and the DRC IMMEDIATELY if the case settles.**
8. _____ **INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT.** Spouses shall exchange a sworn inventory and appraisal by this date. A complete inventory shall be filed prior to trial.
9. _____ **PLEADINGS.** All amendments and supplements must be filed by this date. This order does not preclude prompt filing of pleadings directly responsive to any timely pleadings.
10. _____ **DISPOSITION PROPOSALS.** Each attorney shall submit a proposed property division including property claimed or recognized as separate property to the court and opposing counsel.
11. Set at Court's Discretion **PRE-TRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE:** If scheduled, all parties and attorneys shall attend.
12. _____ **TRIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE:** The attorneys will come prepared to mark all exhibits, exchange exhibits, present and discuss their proposed jury questions, if need be, and present any matter ordered by the court that will aid the court in trying the case as efficiently as possible.
13. _____ **TRIAL.** This case is set for trial on the merit during the week beginning with the given date. **Exact date and time will be set at the TRIAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE.** The time needed for trial will not exceed three hours unless requested.

SIGNED this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Judge Presiding