

CAUSE NO. _____

§ IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
VS § OF GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

§ 122ND DISTRICT COURT

DISCOVERY AND DOCKET CONTROL ORDER

- 1. _____ **New Parties** shall be joined and served by this date.
- 2. _____ **EXPERTS** for all Plaintiffs shall be designated by this date.
- 3. _____ **EXPERTS** for all **OTHER PARTIES** shall be designated by this date (30 days after date Plaintiff's experts are ordered to be designated).

Any party designating a testifying expert witness is **ORDERED** to provide no later than the dates set for such designation, the information set forth in Rule 194.2(f) and a written report prepared by the expert setting out the substance of the experts opinions.

An expert not designated prior to the ordered deadlines shall not be permitted to testify absent a showing of good cause.

- 4. _____ Mediation shall be completed by this date. Report to be filed with court on or before this date. Objections to mediation must be filed within thirty days of this date. Case will not proceed to trial unless mediation is complete.

All parties agree to participate in mediation with the following person to serve as mediator:

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Fax No.: _____

Plaintiff's attorney shall provide a copy of the DCO to the mediator named herein.

- 5. _____ **DISCOVERY** deadlines controlled by designation of case. Counsel may by written agreement continue discovery beyond this deadline. Such continued discovery, however, will not delay the trial date without the Court's approval.

_____ Level One-(Rule 190.2) Discovery shall be completed 30 days before the date set for trial.

No. of hours per side for oral depositions: _____
 No. of written interrogatories that maybe served by any party on another party:
 _____ (Excluding interrogatories asking a party to identify or authenticate specified documents).

_____ Level Two-(Rule 190.3) Discovery shall be completed the earlier of 30 days before the date set for trial or 9 months after the date of the first oral deposition of the due date of the first response to written discovery.

_____ Level Three-(Rule 190.4) Discovery shall be completed by this date.

No. of hours per side for oral depositions: _____

No. of written interrogatories that maybe served by any party on another party:
_____ (Excluding interrogatories asking a party to identify or authenticate specified documents).

6. _____ Pleadings must be amended or supplemented by this date, except by written agreement of all parties.

7. _____ Moderated Settlement Conference. Per rule 154.025 of the Civil Practice and Remedies Code the parties are requested to participate in a Moderated Settlement Conference

8. _____ **DEADLINE TO FILE ALL MOTIONS, except Motions in Limine, AND FOR MOVANT TO SECURE DATES AND TIMES FOR HEARINGS. NO HEARINGS WILL BE SET UNTIL A MOTION AND ORDER SETTING HEARING ARE ON FILE WITH THE CLERK. This includes motions to exclude expert testimony and any other challenges to expert testimony. (Six weeks prior to pre-trial)**

9. _____ at _____ .M. Pre-Trial Conference set. **Court will only hear announcement of parties and motions to continue at this setting. Failure to appear will be grounds for dismissal for want of prosecution.**

10. _____ at _____ . M. Trial by Jury is set for **one-week** docket commencing on this date. **Prior to commencement of voir dire parties are ordered to exchange the following and discuss what the parties will agree to and what issues are contested:**

- _____ Proposed jury instructions and questions
- _____ Motion in Limine
- _____ Exhibit list
- _____ Labeled and numbered exhibits
- _____ Witness lists (inform court at earliest opportunity of scheduling problems relating to witnesses)

11. _____ at _____ .m. Trial before Court is set.

Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law to be exchanged prior to trial date.

Written notice must be given to the Court of any changes in this DCO. This includes settlement, Rule 11 Agreements, cancellation of hearings, etc. Numbers 8, 9, 10 or 11 cannot be changed without leave of the Court.

SIGNED on _____, 2_____.

JOHN ELLISOR, JUDGE
122ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

SIGNED by Counsel and/or Pro Se parties:

“Dondi” Standards*

1. In fulfilling his or her primary duty to the client, a lawyer must be ever conscious of the broader duty to the judicial system that serves both attorney and client.
2. A lawyer owes, to the judiciary, candor, diligence, and utmost respect.
3. A lawyer owes, to opposing counsel, a duty of courtesy, cooperation, the observance of which is necessary for the efficient administration of our system of justice and respect of the public it serves.
4. A lawyer unquestionably owes, to the administration of justice, the fundamental duties of personal dignity and professional integrity.
5. Lawyers should treat each other, the opposing party, the court, and members of the court staff with courtesy and civility and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.
6. A client has no right to demand that counsel abuse the opposite party or indulge in offensive conduct. A lawyer shall always treat adverse witnesses and suits with fairness and due consideration.
7. In adversary proceedings, clients are litigants and though ill feeling may exist between clients, such ill feelings should not influence a lawyer’s conduct, attitude or demeanor towards opposing lawyers.
8. A lawyer should not use any form of discovery, or the scheduling of discovery, as a means of harassing opposing counsel or counsel’s client.
9. Lawyers will be punctual in communications with others and in honoring scheduled appearances, and will recognize that neglect and tardiness are demeaning to the lawyer and the judicial system.

