

## **Rules of Practice in the 315<sup>th</sup> District Court**

1. The following Rules of Practice apply to all cases pending in the 315<sup>th</sup> District Court except for those cases governed by Title 3 of the Texas Family Code.
  - a. Mediation is required prior to any temporary orders hearing, including adversary hearings, expected to exceed 2 hours except for good cause shown.
  - b. Mediation is required prior to trial on the merits except for good cause shown.
  - c. Parties are ordered to confer regarding time estimates prior to the date of any temporary orders hearing or trial on the merits and to schedule mediation for proceedings expected to exceed 2 hours except for good cause shown.
  - d. Affidavits of Inability to Pay are available at ([Link](#)) and in the 315<sup>th</sup> District Court for any parent who wishes to request appointed counsel.