

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

215TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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STANDING ORDER RELATED TO MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

In accordance with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 166a, the Court enters this Standing Order Related to Motions for Summary Judgment for all cases in the 215th District Court of Harris County, Texas.

The Court is legislatively required to comply with the new requirements of Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 166a, effective March 1, 2026:

- (a) A Motion for Summary Judgment must be set for consideration on the Court's docket on not less than thirty-five (35) and not more than ninety (90) days' notice after filing. *See* TEX. R. CIV. P. 166a(g)(1).
- (b) Except on leave of Court or agreement of the parties, Respondent(s) must file a response to a Motion for Summary Judgment within twenty-one (21) days after the Motion is filed. *See* TEX. R. CIV. P. 166a(d)(1).
- (c) Movant(s) may file a reply to the Response to a Motion for Summary Judgment. Except on leave of Court or agreement of the parties, if Movant(s) opt(s) to file a Reply, the Reply must be filed within seven (7) days after the Response is filed. *See* TEX. R. CIV. P. 166a(e)(1).
- (d) The Court must sign a written ruling on a Motion for Summary Judgment, file it with the Clerk, and provide the ruling to the Parties within ninety (90) days after the consideration date. *See* TEX. R. CIV. P. 166a(i).
- (e) The Court will enter an Order Noticing the Consideration of a Motion for Summary Judgment and Related Orders and will set any Motion for Summary Judgment on its docket.
- (f) Movant(s) and Respondent(s) should not agree to extend the Response deadline, or Reply deadline, if applicable, on or after the date the Motion for

Summary Judgment is set on the Court's docket. Any Response or Reply after the docket date will be deemed untimely, will not be considered, and may be struck from the record without further notice.

- (g) Movant(s) may withdraw the Motion for Summary Judgment from being considered by the Court at any time prior to the date it is scheduled on the Court's docket. The request to withdraw the Motion for Summary Judgment must be in writing and filed with the Court. If the request to withdraw is not in writing and accompanied by a proposed order, the Court may deny the Motion for Summary Judgment without prejudice to the refile of a future motion.

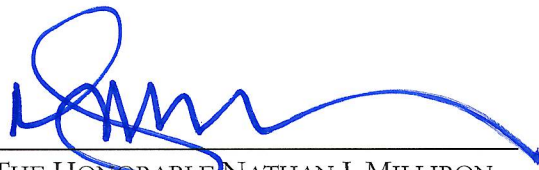
When filing a Motion for Summary Judgment, Parties must be cognizant of their trial setting and the deadlines/scheduling requirements of TEX. R. CIV. P. 166a.

- (a) A traditional motion for summary judgment can be filed at any time after an answer has been filed.
- (b) A no-evidence motion for summary judgment will only be considered once an adequate time for discovery has elapsed.

Parties should file their Motion for Summary Judgment, if any, sufficiently in advance of a trial setting to allow a ruling in accordance with the scheduling requirements contained in TEX. R. CIV. P. 166a. The filing of a Motion for Summary Judgment will **not** act as an impediment to a case proceeding to trial, as scheduled. Any case can be assigned to trial as originally scheduled. Any pending Motion for Summary Judgment will be denied (likely as being untimely) when the case is assigned to trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED August 4, 2026 at 12:45 P.M.



THE HONORABLE NATHAN J. MILLIRON
JUDGE, 215TH DISTRICT COURT