

Re: Randall County Court at Law No. 2

REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO CONTESTED CIVIL CASES
(Particularly applicable to contested Family & Probate Cases)

1. This form supplements previous forms or guidelines of this court, but does not replace previous forms or guidelines.
2. Without limitation, please refer to Fam. Forms 1, 6 & 7.
3. As a general rule, this court requires **Mediation**, a preliminary **telephonic pre-trial conference** or conferences with the judge, an opportunity for the judge to set a **Scheduling Order or Orders**, or to conduct **Pre-trial hearings**, before this court will preside over a final non-jury trial, or a jury trial.
4. Pertaining to **mediation**, the court requires that the parties submit a Motion and Order for mediation, with the specific mediator named therein.
 - a. This court does not expect mediation to be only a perfunctory exercise, and further the court expects as reasonably necessary the use of a mediator with particular experience and relevant qualifications.
 - b. As soon as results are obtained, this court expects the mediator or attorney(s) to notify the court whether mediation has been successful or unsuccessful.
5. As is stated in the previous forms or guidelines, this court will not provide settings for hearings or final trials without the agreement of the attorneys. However, if after reasonable effort an attorney or attorneys have not cooperated in regard to a setting, this court after having been advised of same, and after a telephonic conference or other preliminary steps, will grant a setting.
6. This form and previous forms related to this subject are for the benefit of the attorneys and their clients. This court has attempted to avoid the requirement of automatic pre-trial orders or scheduling orders, as this court is aware that many of the family, probate, or other civil cases are of routine nature, or settle without major court involvement. However, this court through this form is requiring that the cases that do not fall in such categories will be processed in a matter set forth herein, and in other forms or guidelines of this court.