

**328<sup>th</sup> District Court**  
**Fort Bend County, Texas**

**ARE YOU READY FOR FINAL TRIAL?**  
**(BETTER CHECK THE RULES TO MAKE SURE)**

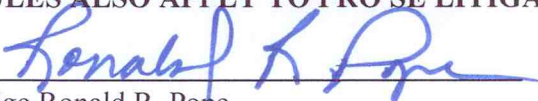
If you are set for final trial, please refer to (1) **Rules of Practice in the 328<sup>th</sup> District Court**, (2) **the Local Rules of District Courts of Fort Bend County**, and (3) **Rules of the 328<sup>th</sup> and 387<sup>th</sup> District Courts of Fort Bend County, Texas**, to make sure that you have complied.

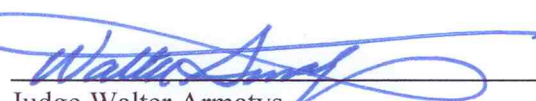
**Checklist:**

- Have you mediated? Having mediated for temporary orders is not sufficient.
- Have Financial Information Statements, tax returns for two (2) years and the last three (3) pay stubs been filed and exchanged in all matters involving support? **This needs to be done at least ten (10) days prior to trial.**
- Have inventories and proposed property divisions been filed and exchanged? **This needs to be done at least ten (10) days prior to trial.** The inventory needs to be in proper form, including property with current value; debts; characterization of property and debts. Please refer to Rule 4.3, Inventory, of the Rules of the 328<sup>th</sup> and 387<sup>th</sup> District Courts of Fort Bend County. The Inventory and Appraisal form in the Texas Family Law Practice Manual and Pro Doc will provide most, if not all, of the information required under Rule 4.3.
- Have you filed and exchanged suggested findings regarding child support and a proposed division of the property? **This needs to be done at least ten (10) days prior to trial.**
- If children are involved in the proceeding, does the inventory contain sufficient information so the Court may render a medical child support order for health insurance for the children?
- On the day of trial, make sure the Court will have copies of your most recent pleadings, Financial Information Statements, Inventories, suggested findings regarding child support, and proposed property division.
- Has your client taken the Parent Education course? Has the Certificate been filed?
- Have you complied with all the rules? Please review them to make sure.

If you can't check off each of these items, then you are **not** ready for trial and **your case may be reset**. However, if the other party has substantially complied and you have not, the Court may go forward with the trial and use the values, etc. of the party who is in substantial compliance.

To get copies of the Rules, go to [www.co.fort-bend.tx.us](http://www.co.fort-bend.tx.us) to download them. **Note: THESE RULES ALSO APPLY TO PRO SE LITIGANTS.**

  
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Judge Ronald R. Pope  
328<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge

  
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Judge Walter Armatys  
Associate Judge