

**FILING OF DISCOVERY AND RELATED MATERIALS IN CIVIL CASES IN
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

Because of the expense to private litigants and to the public involved in the filing and storage of discovery and other materials, the following procedures apply, effective April 15, 2009, in the District Courts of Jefferson County, Texas, in lieu of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure:

LOCAL RULE

Requests for production or inspection and responses under Rule 167, interrogatories and answers under Rule 168, requests for admissions and responses under Rule 169, notices of depositions under Rules 200, 201 and 208, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and business records accompanied by affidavit under Rule 902(10), Texas Rules of Civil Evidence, shall be served as required by Texas Rules of Civil Procedure but shall not be filed with the clerk: however, the parties shall file a copy of the letter of transmittal to the opposing and other attorneys, identifying fully therein the discovery request or response and other discovery materials so served. Exceptions are as follows:

- (a) The trial court may order the materials to be filed;
- (b) A party sending a notice of oral deposition pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure may file the notice, even if the deposition is to be taken in a foreign jurisdiction;
- (c) A party may file those portions of materials related to a request for relief under Rules 166b or 215, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, or a response to such request, or to some other discovery dispute;
- (d) A party may file materials necessary for the determination of a motion for summary judgment, or for any response or reply to such a motion, or for any other pretrial motion or response or reply to such motion; or
- (e) A party may file materials necessary for a proceeding in an appellate court or for post-judgment purposes.

The rule does not enlarge the types of documents that may be filed.

The party responsible for the service of such materials shall retain the original or exact copy while the case and any related appellate proceedings are pending and for five years thereafter. Such original or exact copy shall be public records as if the same were filed with the clerk, notwithstanding the above, and shall be made available to any person on reasonable notice and under reasonable circumstances.

In cases designated as Efile pursuant to Local Rule 7, the copy of the letter of transmittal shall be filed electronically, as provided for other instruments by said rule.

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LOTTA AMON
DISTRICT CLERK
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
FILED
DISTRICT COURT
JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

This rule shall remain in effect until otherwise order by this Court.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2009, by all the undersigned
District Judges of Jefferson County, Texas.

Gary Sanderson
Gary Sanderson, Admin. Judge and
Judge 60th District Court

Larry Thorne
Larry Thorne, Judge
317th District Court

Bob Wortham
Bob Wortham, Judge
58th District Court

Randy Shelton
Randy Shelton, Judge
279th District Court

Milton Shuffield
Milton Shuffield, Judge
136th District Court

Layne Walker
Layne Walker, Judge
252nd Criminal District Court

Donald J. Floyd
Donald Floyd, Judge
172nd District Court

John Stevens
John Stevens, Judge
Criminal District Court