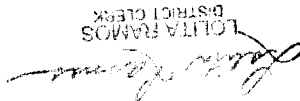


IN RE: HURRICANE IKE LITIGATION § IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF
§
§ JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4

On the 27th day of August, 2009, the District Judges of Jefferson County formally met to address current administrative management in Hurricane Ike cases. In an effort to address concerns of consistency amongst the courts as it relates to all prior General and Standing Orders previously entered, the following clarification is hereby ORDERED:

1. The original January 29, 2009 General Order regarding consolidation for discovery purposes stands. ALL discovery related issues will be heard by the court assigned to the particular defendants as detailed more fully in that Order. All dispositive or other non-discovery related matters shall be heard/decided by the court in which the case is pending. This Order applies to all cases i.e.; those operating under the Standing Pre-Trial Order (for residential claims), those that have opted out of that Order as well as those that involve commercial claims.
2. The Standing Pre-Trial Order signed on July 7, 2009 pertains to residential claims ONLY notwithstanding any language contained therein.
3. Paragraph J in the Standing Pre-Trial Order is modified as follows. The parties shall set a Status Conference to occur on each case under this Order 150 days from the date the first answer is filed by any Defendant (unless excused by Order of the trial court) and counsel shall provide written notice to all parties of the date and time of the Status Conference.



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SIGNED this 27th day of August, 2009.


HON. DONALD FLOYD
PRESIDING JUDGE
172nd DISTRICT COURT


HON. GARY SANDERSON
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE AND
PRESIDING JUDGE
60th DISTRICT COURT


HON. MILTON GUNN SHEFFIELD
PRESIDING JUDGE
136th DISTRICT COURT


HON. BOB WORTHAM
PRESIDING JUDGE
58th DISTRICT COURT