



383rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

HON. LYDA NESS GARCIA – Presiding Judge
HON. PATRICK D. BRAMBLETT – Associate Judge

RULES OF PRACTICE

Effective **March 1, 2026**, the following rules of practice will apply to all legal proceedings in the 383rd Judicial District Court. These policies and procedures do not supplant the El Paso County Local Rules. They are subject to change.

The 383rd District Court adheres to the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Lawyer’s Creed, and the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct. Violations will result in appropriate sanctions. Personal attacks and side bar remarks will not be tolerated.

383rd Judicial District Court Lyda Ness Garcia

Request for both Settings and Exhibits: 383DC@EPCountytx.gov

Zoom Link:

<https://txcourts.zoom.us/j/97146165849?pwd=ZmpZcnNpaEVoz3pmN2doWWphdUE0dz09>

(Meeting ID: 971 4616 5849 / Access Code: 422857)

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383rd Associate Court Patrick Bramblett

Request for both Settings and Exhibits: 383FC2@EPCountytx.gov

Zoom link: <https://txcourts.zoom.us/j/84969419408>

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The following rules apply to both attorneys and self-represented litigants.

Each party shall consult the applicable state law(s), any applicable Supreme Court of Texas Emergency Orders and the El Paso County Local Rules for additional specifics and time deadlines.

The court staff does **not** provide legal advice or participate in ex-parte communications.

Attire: Appropriate professional attire is required for all appearances whether in-person or on Zoom. Electronic devices should always be silent and not referred to during hearings. No food or gum chewing is allowed in the courtroom or during Zoom proceedings. Attorneys and parties should not appear in their car or be driving. Please refer to the court's Zoom Hearing Procedures.

(https://www.epcounty.com/courts/documents/383dc/2025/383rd_Zoom_Hearing_Procedures_June_2024.pdf) for more information.

Hearing Request Form - <https://www.epcounty.com/courts/documents/383dc/383rd-Hearing-Request-Form.pdf>

Hearing requests with the district court is by email to David Herrera – Court Coordinator/Jesse Carreon – Assistant Court Coordinator or Ana Sanchez – Court Administrator at 383DC@EPCountytx.gov

DO NOT email or call the staff or the Judges personally, it will NOT expedite your request as only requests through the designated email are reviewed and scheduled.

Hearing requests with the Associate court is by email to Gina Arias – Court Coordinator 383FC2@EPCountytx.gov

DO NOT email or call the staff or the Judges personally, it will NOT expedite your request as only requests through the designated email are reviewed and scheduled.

The Court makes every effort to coordinate settings. Attorneys and their staff are responsible for ensuring that they do not have conflicting settings and resolve them before proceeding. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact the Court Coordinator or bailiff directly. In cases of Inclement Weather, please refer to the Court's inclement Weather Policy contained herein.

The 383rd is a paperless court. Pleadings and other documents are routed electronically through the El Paso County District Clerk's office. The Court is not a custodian of records or files for cases and does not provide copies of pleadings or orders. Those shall be requested through the El Paso District Clerk.

SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS AND HEARING REQUESTS.

ALL Orders submitted MUST contain the Cause number and title of document. For example: *2023DCM1234 Final Decree of Divorce*. Orders labelled as *skm235khng* or *Smith Divorce decree* result in delays in filings.

Orders must contain NO BLANKS. Please ensure that the date of hearing is included as well as the Court reporter or your order may present difficulties in enforcement or modification in the future.

Do not enable fields or DocuSign in your submitted documents.

Please submit orders separately from your Motions as we may need to electronically sign them. (Ex. Motion to Withdraw should not have the Order attached in the same document.)

All pleadings and/or documents must be filed with the District Clerk. Questions regarding documents, files, filings, service, etc. should be directed to the District Clerk's office. Please do not include the Court or the Court Coordinator on any e-service requests.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) CERTIFICATION

All pleadings, motions, and proposed orders submitted to the Court must comply with the Court's Standing Order Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence.

Any document prepared in whole or in part using artificial intelligence tools must include the required AI certification and verification provisions as outlined in the Standing Order.

Failure to include the required certification may result in the document not being considered or the matter being reset.

NOTICES

The attorneys/participants shall ensure compliance with R. 21 (d): Notice of a court proceeding must include the information necessary for participants, witnesses, attorneys, to participate in the proceedings.

That information must include but is not limited to the location of the proceeding or instructions for joining electronically; the Court's designated contact information AND instructions for submitting evidence.

CASE ASSIGNMENTS

Case assignment will be assigned between the Associate Court, Title IV Courts (as allowed by statute) and District Court. You will receive a referral order from the Court without request. Any objections must be filed within statutory guidelines.

EMAILS AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE COURT

The subject line of the email must include the cause number, the case name, and the type of setting requested. For example: *“Cause Number 2021DCM0000, Smith v. Jones, Final Hearing Request”* Failure to include this information may result in delay in addressing your email. **DO NOT** copy coordinators or Judge’s email addresses as scheduling is only done from the designated Court email address.

All hearing requests will **ONLY** be accepted via email and will be addressed as they were received, prioritizing based on exigency determined by the subject line.

HEARINGS

The Court retains the discretion to maintain proceedings via Zoom if they are under three (3) hours or for good cause shown.

All enforcement proceedings seeking contempt, habeas and writs of attachment and hearings over three (3) hours shall be in person absent permission of the Court. All attorneys and parties are expected to appear at their scheduled time.

If one party does not agree to hybrid or zoom then the hearing will be in person absent Motion and hearing.

IN PERSON HEARINGS

All participants shall appear in person. This includes attorneys, parties and witnesses. **DO NOT** assume you will be permitted to have a hybrid hearing without permission from the Court or the Court grants a Motion to Appear via Zoom. Ensure your subpoenas for witnesses include in-person language.

ZOOM HEARINGS

Zoom hearings are for the litigants, the attorneys and the witnesses. The Court maintains an Open Court pursuant to the Texas Constitution and all hearings are open to the public for observation in person at the Courthouse in our Courtroom.

It is recommended that you enter the Zoom early so that we can have you in breakout rooms to talk before your case is called. Attorneys should ensure that their clients have proper connectivity and practice Zoom prior to said hearing.

Please review the **Zoom Proceeding Procedures** which are on the court’s website in detail and disseminated herein. Please make sure all required pleadings filed with the District Clerk’s office at least 24 hours before the date of your hearing.

Language Interpretation: Familiarize yourself with the interpretation functions. Both Courts will be utilizing simultaneous interpretation. Please advise the Court as soon as the hearing is scheduled if an interpreter is needed and check off on hearing forms. The following links provide detailed instructions on utilizing the interpretation function. Ensure your clients are familiar with the process and if they are in your office for the 383rd Judicial District Court – Rules of Practice (Rev. 03/2026)

hearing ensure that you are not in the same room with them. Note if the litigants are not prepared the Court reserves the right to reschedule the hearing in to an in-person.

<https://epcounty.com/information/EPTXZoomGuide.pdf>
<https://epcounty.com/information/EPTXGuiaZoomEspanol.pdf>

UNCONTESTED AND DEFAULT DOCKETS

Agreements may be approved by Zoom hearing on our Uncontested Docket held by both Courts on Friday mornings or by submission with affidavit(s). Orders must be submitted prior to the Uncontested/Default Setting and include NO blanks.

If you prefer not to present the uncontested via Zoom on Friday morning you may request a hearing on an uncontested matter, please send an email to: 383DC@epcountytexas.gov. The subject line of the email must include the cause number, the case name, and the type of hearing requested. For example, "*Cause Number 2021DCMxxx, Smith v. Smith, Uncontested Final Divorce Hearing*". The Court Coordinator will respond with available dates/times.

Any sworn affidavit must be attached to the proposed order as an exhibit and must include the same information that would be solicited during a prove-up with the witness in the Courtroom

AGREED ORDERS

Agreed orders must contain signatures of all parties and attorneys. All signatures must be distinctive written signatures or electronic signatures generated by the signing party.

Agreed Orders must indicate (1) that the parties did not appear in person but agreed to the terms of the order as evidenced by their signatures; and (2) that the making of a record was waived if applicable.

Any sworn affidavit must be attached to the proposed order as an exhibit and must include the same information that would be solicited during a prove-up with the witness in the courtroom.

NAME CHANGES (EXCEPT IN DIVORCE MATTERS)

All requests for an adult name change require a fingerprint card. All Documents must be filed with the District Clerk's office prior to the final proceeding.

DEFAULTS

All default proceedings require the following documents to be filed before the proceeding date:

Certificate of Last Known Address per Rule 239a

Non-Military Affidavit

Return of Service (on file for a minimum of 10 days)

A sworn inventory and appraisal (divorce matters >\$50,000)

Proof of service

SERVICE

Substitute Service: Party must include Motion for Substitute Service and affidavits along with proposed orders. Diligent efforts to locate must be made and it is critical that Petitioner establish personal knowledge as to WHY service was attempted at a specific address and/or how they know Respondent resides there. Post/Publication should be a last resort as other creative methods are more likely to lead to notice.

DO NOT FORGET to request an ad litem when children are involved on sub service and prepare Petitioner to bear that cost.

Ensure returns are on file the requisite time before proceeding.

SUBMISSION DOCKET:

The following non-agreed/contested motions will be heard by submission; if an objection is filed, if a hearing is requested or the court believes that a hearing is needed, the court will contact the parties with further instructions:

Motions for Adoption Evaluation
Motions for Alternative or Substituted Service
Motions to Consolidate or Sever
Motions to Enter
Motions for Judgment Nunc Pro Tunc
Motions to Confer with Child
Motions to Reinstate/Retain
Motions for Withdrawal/Substitution of Counsel
Pre-trial submissions unless parties request a Pretrial before the Court

*Motions may be set concurrently with a hearing for temporary orders, pretrial, or final trial if there is not enough time to set them by submission before the hearing/trial.

CONTESTED HEARINGS/TEMPORARY ORDERS

Requests for contested hearing dates **must** be made by sending an email to: 383DC@epcountytexas.gov or 383FC2@epcountytexas.gov. All attorneys and self-represented litigants must be copied. The subject line of the email must include the cause number, the case name, and the type of setting requested. For example, "*Cause Number 2021DCM0000, Smith v. Jones, Temporary Orders Hearing*". The Court Coordinator will reply all with the court's availability. **Emails requesting contested hearing dates must include the total estimated time for the hearing.**

Notice and proof of notice to the opposing attorney or party shall be pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. Please refer to the court's **Zoom Hearing Procedures** for a sample Notice of Zoom Hearing. The Zoom meeting ID and password must be included in the 383rd Judicial District Court – Rules of Practice (Rev. 03/2026)

Notice of Hearing.

Please talk to opposing counsel prior to your hearing. We can open a break-out room before your hearing for the parties to engage in settlement.

If your case is assigned to the Associate Judge for temporary orders over 2 (two) hours, the Waiver of Appeal from Associate Judge's Findings and Recommendation form must be signed by all attorneys and parties and filed at least three business days prior to your hearing. Failure to file the form may result in your case being removed from the Associate Judge's docket.

Temporary Orders will not be bifurcated. If one party requests Temporary orders after the first parties request, they will be heard together. This does not apply to Enforcements, Protective Orders, or other Motions hearings unless they involve substantially the same testimony. If a request for the Associate Court to confer with a child is made, the parties must sign a waiver of appeal to minimize the necessity of having the child confer with the District Court on de novo.

Temporary Orders with the Associate Court may be limited at the Judge's discretion. If the case is reset repeatedly the Court may set for Final hearing in lieu of additional resets. The District Court may exercise discretion in scheduling a final hearing in lieu of de novo on Temporary Orders after good cause is shown and time considerations and judicial economy are considered.

A Denovo on Temporary Orders will not continue your setting on Final Hearing with the Associate Judge.

In any hearing for temporary orders in which child support or spousal support is an issue, completion and exchange of Financial Information Statements, copy of income tax returns for the last year, and the three most recent payroll stubs shall be exchanged prior to the commencement of the hearing. Working copies of the Financial Information Statements are advised for the court.

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS

In divorce actions, ex-parte temporary restraining orders or those with extraordinary relief, should use the language included in section 6.501 of the Texas Family Code.

If requesting exparte/extraordinary relief please clearly label as such in the Temporary restraining order and bold/highlight requests beyond standard as per the Texas Family Practice Manual.

The court WILL STRIKE certain proposed injunctions (such as exclusion of possession, imposition of geographic restriction, excluding of residence, attachment, alcohol or paramour injunctions) if not supported by an affidavit and permitted by Statute.

Writ of attachments should be in separate pleadings and documents supported by evidence. They should be utilized in very limited instances.

An attorney of record MUST be carbon copied in all requests and afforded the opportunity to respond so the Court can set a hearing on the extraordinary relief.

A “Certificate of Ex Parte Relief”

(https://www.epcounty.com/courts/documents/383dc/2025/383-Certificate_of_Ex_Parte_Relief.pdf) SHALL be submitted with all requests indicating

whether the rules governing ex parte/extraordinary relief requests have been complied with.

The Court will not extend Temporary Restraining Orders beyond two resets absent extraordinary circumstances supported by affidavit.

PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Standalone Protective orders filed by the County attorney will be referred to the 65th Judicial District Court. If there is an open corollary case, then the 383rd DC will retain these cases or transfer the case in its entirety to the 65th DC.

MEDIATION

Mediation will be ordered on a case-by-case basis, upon agreement of parties or for any Final Hearing that is more than 3 hours.

Mediation is required prior to final proceeding in all cases over 3 hours (except protective orders, enforcement/contempt actions or on cases involving family violence). Failure to mediate before trial may result in the case being reset on the Court’s discretion.

The Court may waive a mediation requirement in response to motion and upon a showing of good cause. The motion must be heard by the Pretrial Date.

Parties may agree to resolve a case without formal mediation. *Please see the rules governing Agreed Orders above.*

The El Paso County Dispute Resolution Center with licensed attorneys only (address and phone) will mediate cases for parties with proof of limited income at a reduced or nominal fee.

Parties should make a good faith attempt to agree on mediators. If no agreement can be reached, a motion should be filed with the court, and the court will choose a mediator from the wheel.

*The court may deviate from the wheel for good cause.

FINAL TRIAL SETTINGS

Requests for trial dates must be made in accordance with Court policies contained herein.

Provide Proposed Property Division and Inventories and Appraisals for ALL contested final proceedings with complex property issues. The Court would request that proposed parenting plans be submitted which includes rights and duties, possession, and proposed calculation of child support particularly when deviated from standard. Please ensure that you provide the Court an editable version. You may e-file these and/or submit as exhibits.

If your case is assigned to the Associate Judge for trial and the case is more than 2 (two) hours, the Waiver of Appeal from Associate Judge's Ruling/Recommendation form must be signed by all attorneys and parties and filed prior to hearing a trial on the merits or presiding at a jury trial not later than the 10th day after the date the party receives notice that the associate judge will hear the trial. Failure to file the form may result in your case being removed from the Associate Judge's docket.

Scheduling Orders and Pretrial Conferences are required for jury trials, terminations and adoptions, and bench trials with a total time estimate that exceeds **4 hours or half a day**. **They will also be scheduled upon request of counsel or the discretion of Court**. Pretrial conferences will be set no less than 30 days prior to the trial setting.

Parties may request a Pretrial Conference with the Court for any length hearing or scheduled by the Court at their discretion.

A non-appearance by attorneys and parties at pretrials may result in the case being reset.

EXHIBITS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In all cases other than contempt proceedings and cases under a Scheduling Order, exhibits **should** be marked and exchanged **by 12:00 p.m.** the business day before the hearing. It is the Courts preference that you exchange exhibits to expedite your hearing time. However, the exchange of exhibits on the day of hearing or trial will be permitted and screen sharing enabled to facilitate hearings as if we were in person. Evidentiary rules regarding exclusions or admission will apply. Those exhibits **MUST** be emailed to the Court before the conclusion of the hearing or upon discretion of the Judge.

Parties should submit a list of exhibits with description (ex. R.1 Photos of Children). Parties shall attempt in good faith to obtain an agreement regarding exhibit admissibility before the proceeding or trial.

If child support or spousal support is contested BOTH parties shall bring copy of last tax return with attached schedules and W2s/1099s and three most recent pay stubs.

CASE CENTER – DOCUMENT AND EXHIBIT MANAGEMENT (Effective May 1, 2026)

Effective May 1, 2026, the Court will utilize Case Center, a cloud-based document management and evidence platform provided by Thomson Reuters, for the submission and organization of exhibits and hearing materials. All attorneys and self-represented litigants must upload exhibits and required documents through Case Center unless otherwise directed by the Court. Instructions for registration and document submission are available at: <https://www.casecenter.com>

Failure to upload exhibits in accordance with these procedures may result in exclusion of exhibits or reset of the hearing.

UNTIL MAY 1, 2026: COURT COPIES

Exhibits for all proceedings **must** be delivered to the District court via email to: 383DC@epcountytexas.gov or the Associate Court at 383FC2@epcountytexas.gov or if voluminous on a USB Flash Drive or a binder. **Do not email exhibits to the Court Coordinator or to the Court Reporter.**

Exhibit emails **must** include a subject line of the exhibit email must include the cause number, party designation/name, and hearing date. For example, "*Cause No. 2020DCM0000, Respondent Jones, January 1, 2021.*" All attorneys and self-represented litigants must be copied.

Please note advised that the Court Reporter and Judge may not have access to a color printer. Admitted exhibits will be printed and delivered by the Court reporter in black and white. If color is important, exhibits must be delivered on a USB Flash Drive as indicated below.

AUDIO/VIDEO: Please ensure that they can be opened. Audio and video files may also be on a USB Flash Drive.

Flash Drives **must be received** by 12:00 PM the business day before the hearing. Flash Drives must be clearly labeled with the cause number, party name and hearing date.

Flash Drives may be delivered in person or mailed to:

383rd District Court
Attn: David Herrera/Gina Arias
500 E. San Antonio Ave., Ste. 1101
El Paso, TX 79901

Please be mindful of the deadline when delivering by mail.

All exhibits must be accompanied by an Exhibit List. A sample Exhibit List will be found on the court's website. Exhibit Lists may be e-filed with the District Clerk's office, but the exhibits should NOT be filed.

The only formats accepted are PDF for documents, JPG and PNG for images, and MP4 for audio and videos.

Each exhibit **must** be saved or attached as a separate file and the file name **must** include the exhibit number AND a brief description of the exhibit. For example, “*Petitioner Exhibit 5 - Bank Statements*”

The party tendering the exhibits is responsible for ensuring that files are saved correctly. Documents and photos should be as clear as possible and scanned upright (not sideways or upside down).

The party tendering the exhibits is responsible for ensuring that witnesses have copies of the exhibits for use during Zoom hearings. The Court Reporter will NOT forward or otherwise circulate exhibits to anyone other than the court. The “share screen” feature may be used during Zoom hearings. The party tendering the exhibits is responsible for screen sharing and technology associated.

For property divisions involving marital estates with numerous assets or debts, include with the exhibits an editable file (e.g., MS Excel) containing the party’s proposed property division.

Failure to comply with these procedures may result in exhibit exclusion.

ADOPTIONS

A pre-trial conference is required in all adoption cases. The consummation date will be set at the pre-trial conference. To request a setting, please send an email to 383DC@epcountytx.gov. All attorneys and court-appointed advocates must be copied. Please include the cause number and case name in the subject line of your email.

Failure to file the required documents prior to the pre-trial conference could result in the case being reset or dismissed.

CONTINUANCES

For cases pending more than six months, a request for continuance requires motion and a hearing (even if it is unopposed or agreed).

ENTRY OF JUDGMENT

All proposed orders submitted for Entry of Judgment must include the date of the hearing or date of rendition in the body of the order.

Failure to include the hearing date may result in delay of review or rejection of the proposed order.

The Court will set the case for entry of Judgment one time for temporary order.

All initial Entry of Judgments will be via submission three (3) weeks after rendition on or before 4:00 p.m. in the respective Court. Thereafter the Court will determine the additional time required.

Rulings will include conditional granting language and Entry of Judgments (EJs) will follow a strict timeline; cases may be set for DWOP if orders are not timely submitted.

PURSUANT TO T.R.C.P., Rule 305, any party may prepare and submit a proposed judgment to the court for signature. The Court will consider additional attorney's fees if compliance needs to be facilitated. Failure to enter Final Orders can result in Dismissal of the Suit.

If the prevailing party fails to draft the order, opposing counsel may:

- File a motion for attorney's fees,
- Attach a supporting affidavit, and
- Attach a proposed order (leaving fee amount blank for the Court's determination).

When seeking reinstatement after an EJ-related dismissal, the motion must include a proposed reinstatement order.

DE NOVO – ORDER SUBMISSIONS

When a De Novo hearing is pending, **all proposed orders submitted to the Court must include the notation "PENDING DE NOVO HEARING" in the heading of the document.** Failure to include this notation may result in delay of review or rejection of the proposed order.

DISMISSALS FOR WANT OF PROSECUTION (DWOP)

Final Hearings/DWOP CANNOT be reset by agreement. It requires appearance to show good cause why it is not proceeding or why the Court should not DWOP. Note that you may get separate notice from the District Clerk that a Dismissal is scheduled but you will have also received notice from the Court that it is a Final as well.

Court will DWOP if you do not show. De Novos will be set for scheduling conference and Dismissal within 30 days of filing. Case setting will be coordinated between the parties and the Court. Failure to have De Novo hearing at mutually agreed upon scheduled setting shall result in Dismissal of the De Novo absent good cause shown.

All De Novo hearings and Final Hearings shall be **set with DWOP language.**

Failure to proceed may result in dismissal absence good cause.

DISCOVERY DISPUTES

MOTIONS TO COMPEL – CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE REQUIRED:

All Motions to Compel must include a Certificate of Conference detailing good faith efforts to resolve the dispute without court intervention.

Motions to Compel without a Certificate of Conference will not be set for hearing.

Motion to Quash Deposition: If the motion is based on the unavailability of the lawyer or witness, the party filing the motion to quash must provide at least **3** alternative dates within the body of the motion for the taking of the deposition.

AMICUS/AD LITEM APPOINTMENTS

To be eligible for Court Appointments in the 383rd, an *Application for Court Appointments* should be completed and submitted. Appointments are made based on the facts and/or conduct of the parties and as required by law.

The parties may agree to an Amicus/Ad litem Attorney, but judicial approval is required. In the absence of agreement, the court will select an Amicus/Ad Litem from the wheel in order of receipt. *The court may deviate from the wheel for good cause.

The Court may appoint an amicus on own motion.

CHILDREN IN COURT

Children may not be brought into the courtroom without court approval. If the court approves a request for a child to be interviewed in chambers, the child should be brought to the courthouse at the scheduled interview time. Upon arrival, please check in with the Bailiff; do not enter the courtroom.

PARENTING CLASSES

Parents and/or conservators in all contested cases involving children are required to complete a 4-hour parenting class. The certificates of completion must be filed with the District Clerk's office before the case is finalized.

All parents and/or conservators in all contested cases involving children required to view the following films at their own individual expense:

<https://splitfilms.gumroad.com/l/odang> (identified as the early years) and also:

<https://splitfilms.gumroad.com/l/evbhan> (identified as the teen years). IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each party shall author an impact statement regarding the films and shall tender same to the Court at or before the Entry of Judgment in this cause.

The Court recognizes and approves the following **in person/online** courses (in no particular order):

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| Children First, Center Against Sexual and Family Violence | (915) 562-0077; https://casfv.org/prevention-education/children-first-class |
| Putting Kids First | https://puttingkidsfirst.org |
| Texas Cooperative Parenting | https://txparent.com |
| Parent Class Online | https://www.parentclassonline.com |

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| Co-Parenting into the Future | https://coparentingintothefuture.com |
| Family Affairs | http://familyaffairs.org |
| Kids First | https://kidsfirsttoday.com |
| Parenting Choice | https://www.parentingchoice.com |

STANDING ORDERS

1st Amended Standing Order Regarding HIPAA and the Texas Medical Privacy Act
(https://www.epcounty.com/courts/documents/383dc/2025/1st_Amended_HIPAA.pdf)

Standing Order Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence
(https://www.epcounty.com/courts/documents/383dc/2025/Standing_Order_re_AI.pdf
)

Standing Order Regarding Applications for Ex Parte Temporary Restraining Orders and Requests for Extraordinary Relief
(<https://www.epcounty.com/courts/documents/383dc/2026/Standing%20Order%20Regarding%20Ex%20Parte%20TRO%20Applications.pdf>)

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The 383rd District Court will follow the announcement of El Paso County School Districts.

If El Paso County School Districts close due to inclement weather, the 383rd District Court will also close unless all parties and attorneys are available.

Court Closure: All cases set on a day that the court is closed due to inclement weather will automatically be reset priority setting.

Delayed Start: If the El Paso County School Districts are on a “delayed start,” the 383rd will delay start as well. Please contact the Court Coordinator to confirm the time of your hearing. Due to anticipated time constraints, the time allowed for each hearing may be limited. If an attorney or party is unable to appear at the updated start time, a reset may be requested.