

Instructions for requesting a hearing:

For cases filed in the 278<sup>th</sup> District Court that require a hearing date, contact the coordinator to request a date before sending or filing any documents.

Walker County – Samantha Echtler at [sechtler@co.walker.tx.us](mailto:sechtler@co.walker.tx.us) or 936-436-4699

Madison County – Casey Robertson at [crobertson@co.walker.tx.us](mailto:crobertson@co.walker.tx.us) or 936-436-4639

Leon County – Casey Robertson at [crobertson@co.walker.tx.us](mailto:crobertson@co.walker.tx.us) or 936-436-4639

Judge Sorensen requires that you confirm every hearing date. There is a Confirmation of Hearing form in our forms link on our website.

Failure to confirm a setting will result in the case not being heard on the day requested.

When you email or call, be prepared to tell the court how soon you wish to have a hearing and/or how much notice you wish to give, type of hearing you need and the length of time you will need for the hearing. Since this court does not send notices, after you have coordinated your calendar with opposing counsel, you will need to notify opposing counsel and/or pro se parties of the hearing time and date in writing, typically by using the Confirmation of Hearing form. In addition to filing the Confirmation of Hearing, you must provide a copy to the coordinator. Failure to do so may result in the case not being heard on the day requested.

Jury trial: Before a date will be set, a formal written demand must be filed. A pretrial conference shall be held prior to the jury trial date. Any motions filed but not previously heard will be heard at the pretrial hearing. Please bring a proposed jury charge to this pretrial conference.

Ruling without a hearing: a party requesting a ruling without a hearing shall indicate the date they would like the court to make a ruling and provide notice of such to all counsel/parties. Any party objecting to the court making a ruling without a hearing or wishing to provide the court with any other information should make said objection or file said information at least 3 days prior to the date indicated on the confirmation of hearing.