

IN THE 358<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER

For all civil cases currently pending and to be subsequently filed in the 358<sup>th</sup> District Court, IT IS ORDERED that no case will be set for a final trial on the merits until the parties have scheduled and concluded an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) procedure authorized by Chapter 154, *Tex. Civ. Prac. Rem. Code*.

If mediation is the ADR procedure that is ordered by the Court or selected by the parties, IT IS ORDERED that: (1) all parties and their respective representative(s) having settlement authority shall appear in person and attend the mediation, with counsel of record; (2) the parties, their representative(s) with settlement authority, and their counsel shall participate in the mediation process with the objective of resolving the pending case(s); (3) if the parties are unable to agree upon a mediation date, the mediator shall select a date and time for the mediation to proceed, and all parties, their respective representative(s) with settlement authority, and their counsel of record shall appear as directed by the mediator; and (4) the parties, their representative(s) with settlement authority, and their counsel of record shall strictly comply with the confidentiality provisions of Chapter 154, *Tex. Civ. Prac. Rem. Code*.

**THE FAILURE OF ANY PARTY, THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE(S), OR THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD TO COMPLY WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN A FINDING OF CONTEMPT, SANCTIONS, OR BOTH.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. Stacy Trotter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end of the name.

W. STACY TROTTER, JUDGE PRESIDING