

## LOCAL RULES

### ERATH COUNTY COURT AT LAW

1. Attorneys shall attempt to reach agreed orders on all objections to discovery requests, motions for sanctions, special exceptions to pleadings and motions in limine prior to settings for civil pre-trial hearings.
2. Attorneys shall prepare all requested jury instructions, definitions and special issues prior to civil pre-trial hearings.
3. Audio cassette recordings may be used in lieu of court reporter at the discretion of the court.
4. Criminal docket call will also be pre-trial date for cases set on such docket. Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 28.01 deadlines will apply.
5. Criminal docket call announcement that a plea bargain agreement has been reached must also include a date for plea hearing and approval of defendant.
6. A witness subpoenaed for a criminal case may not be released without consent of the State and defendant's attorney so that either party may rely on a subpoena regardless of which party requested its issuance.
7. In probate proceedings, Applicants may present testimony in open court without the County Clerk or deputy present and file proof of death, oath and other matters in the County Clerk's office following the hearing.

These rules shall be come effective July 15, 1994.

Signed on June 2, 1994.

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JUDGE PRESIDING