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199 th	<p>No prove-up by affidavit, but may prove-up in Aux Court.</p>	<p>Honorable Angela Tucker</p> <p>199th District Court Russell A. Steindam Courts Building 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 10030 McKinney, TX 75071 972-548-4415 (McKinney) 972-424-1460 ext. 4415 (Metro)</p> <p>Court Coordinator Leila Grubbs 972-548-4415, lgrubbs@collincountytx.gov Bailiff Bryon Wetzel 972-548-4452, bwetzel@collincountytx.gov Court Reporter Sheri Vecera 972-548-4412, svecera@collincountytx.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a general jurisdiction court. Please do not submit orders prior to a hearing or ruling. • Do not send blank notices of hearings or trial. Get the date and time from Court, then file completed notice. <p>Court Rules and Forms: https://www.collincountytx.gov/district_courts/Pages/199dc.aspx</p> <p>Discovery Control Plan and Scheduling Order The form which outlines the list of items to be completed as a part of the discovery process for civil cases.</p> <p>Jury Discovery Control Plan</p> <p>TBC Discovery Control Plan</p>

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219 th	May prove-up by affidavit, and may prove-up in Aux Court.	<p data-bbox="512 175 877 203">Honorable Jennifer Edgeworth</p> <p data-bbox="512 246 932 521">219th District Court Russell A. Steindam Courts Building 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 20132 McKinney, TX 75071 972-548-4402 (McKinney) 972-424-1460 ext. 4402 (Metro) 219@collincountytexas.gov www.219thcourt.com</p> <table data-bbox="512 565 1612 667"> <tr> <td>Court Coordinator</td> <td>Amy Munger</td> <td>972-548-4662, amunger@collincountytexas.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bailiff</td> <td>Timothy Patterson</td> <td>972-548-4403, tpatterson@co.collin.tx.us</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Court Reporter</td> <td>Indu Bailey</td> <td>972-548-4405, ibailey@collincountytexas.gov</td> </tr> </table> <ul data-bbox="562 711 1961 922" style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a general jurisdiction court. • Please do not submit orders prior to a hearing or ruling. • Do not send blank notices of hearings or trial. Get the date and time from Court, then file completed notice. • <i>The Court Coordinator, Amy Munger, wants everybody to stop e-filing 10-day letters until the 10th day the letter was sent to opposing counsel. Filing early clogs the e-filing que and prevents the Court from getting to more important documents. All of the courts want this to stop.</i> <p data-bbox="512 964 848 992">Sample Parenting Plan Form</p> <p data-bbox="512 1019 1050 1047">Discovery Control Plan and Scheduling Order</p> <p data-bbox="512 1057 1843 1084">Includes Scheduling Order, Information Sheet for Court Reporter, Witness List, Exhibit List and Mediation Order.</p> <p data-bbox="512 1112 1117 1140">Protective Order - Medical and Psychiatric Records</p>	Court Coordinator	Amy Munger	972-548-4662, amunger@collincountytexas.gov	Bailiff	Timothy Patterson	972-548-4403, tpatterson@co.collin.tx.us	Court Reporter	Indu Bailey	972-548-4405, ibailey@collincountytexas.gov
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296 th	May prove-up by affidavit, and may prove-up in Aux Court.	<p data-bbox="512 175 821 201">Honorable John Roach, Jr.</p> <p data-bbox="512 245 932 488">296th District Court Russell A. Steindam Courts Building 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 20012 McKinney, TX 75071 972-548-4409 (McKinney) 972-424-1460 ext. 4409 (Metro) 296@collincountytx.gov</p> <p data-bbox="512 529 1451 630"> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Court Coordinator</td> <td>Charla Kiser</td> <td>972-548-4409, ckiser@co.collin.tx.us</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bailiff</td> <td>Tommy Purtle</td> <td>972-548-4410, tpurtle@co.collin.tx.us</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Court Reporter</td> <td>Jan Dugger</td> <td>972-548-4407, jdugger@co.collin.tx.us</td> </tr> </table> </p> <ul data-bbox="562 675 1892 922" style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a general jurisdiction court and the North Texas Regional Veterans Court. • Please do not submit orders prior to a hearing or ruling. • Do not send blank notices of hearings or trial. Get the date and time from Court, then file completed notice. • Document requests should be made through the District Clerk’s office, not the Court. • Please check the website for information on a case before calling the Court. • Hearing requests are handled by email to the Court. • Mediation is required before TBC dates are offered by Coordinator. <p data-bbox="512 967 1045 993">Discovery Control Plan and Scheduling Order</p> <p data-bbox="512 1003 1766 1029">The form which outlines the list of items to be completed as a part of the discovery process for civil cases.</p> <p data-bbox="512 1058 919 1084">Veterans Court Program Brochure</p> <p data-bbox="512 1094 1157 1120">Overview of the North Texas Veterans Court Program.</p> <p data-bbox="512 1149 758 1175">Veterans Court Flyer</p> <p data-bbox="512 1185 1192 1211">Information on the North Texas Veterans Court Program.</p> <p data-bbox="512 1240 835 1266">Veterans Court Application</p> <p data-bbox="512 1276 1640 1302">The initial screening form required for admittance to the North Texas Veterans Court Program.</p>	Court Coordinator	Charla Kiser	972-548-4409, ckiser@co.collin.tx.us	Bailiff	Tommy Purtle	972-548-4410, tpurtle@co.collin.tx.us	Court Reporter	Jan Dugger	972-548-4407, jdugger@co.collin.tx.us
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366 th	May prove-up by affidavit, and may prove-up in Aux Court.	<p data-bbox="512 175 800 203">Honorable Ray Wheless</p> <p data-bbox="512 245 932 451">366th District Court Russell A. Steindam Courts Building 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 30146 McKinney, TX 75071 972-548-4570 (McKinney) 972-424-1460 ext. 4570 (Metro)</p> <table data-bbox="512 493 1598 597"> <tr> <td>Court Coordinator</td> <td>Todd Hill</td> <td>972-548-4570, dthill@collincountytx.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bailiff</td> <td>Keri Toyne</td> <td>972-548-4571, ktoyne@collincountytx.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Court Reporter</td> <td>Antoinette Varela</td> <td>972-548-4572, avarela@collincountytx.gov</td> </tr> </table> <ul data-bbox="562 639 1965 922" style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a general jurisdiction court. • Please do not submit orders prior to a hearing or ruling. • Judge Ray Wheless does not require hearings on Motions for Withdrawal of Counsel. Order may be e-filed at time of filing. • • If a Final Hearing is already set on a case, and that date is less than 30 days away, then no Temporary Orders hearing will be set. Matters will be heard at the Final Hearing. • Document requests should be made through the District Clerk's office, not the Court. <p data-bbox="512 964 1100 992">Civil Discovery Control Plan and Scheduling Order</p> <p data-bbox="512 1000 1766 1027">The form which outlines the list of items to be completed as a part of the discovery process for civil cases.</p>	Court Coordinator	Todd Hill	972-548-4570, dthill@collincountytx.gov	Bailiff	Keri Toyne	972-548-4571, ktoyne@collincountytx.gov	Court Reporter	Antoinette Varela	972-548-4572, avarela@collincountytx.gov
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380 th	May prove-up by affidavit, and may prove-up in Aux Court.	<p data-bbox="512 175 869 201">Honorable Benjamin N. Smith</p> <p data-bbox="512 245 932 451">380th District Court Russell A. Steindam Courts Building 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 30132 McKinney, TX 75071 972-548-4762 (McKinney) 972-424-1460 ext. 4762 (Metro)</p> <p data-bbox="512 495 1524 594">Court Coordinator Amy Cabala 972-548-4762, acabala@collincountytx.gov Bailiff Luke Eichner 972-548-4738, leichner@collincountytx.gov Court Reporter Karla Kimbrell 972-548-4661, kkimbrell@collincountytx.gov</p> <ul data-bbox="562 638 1955 995" style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a general jurisdiction court. • Judge Smith adopts the policies and preferences of the 366th District Court as started above, except that on motions to withdraw, Judge Smith prefers that the proposed order not be filed until the 10-day period for the client to file an objection has passed; that is, unless the motion is agreed to by the client, in which case the order can be filed in conjunction with the motion. • Judge Smith also adopts the rules of the 469th District Court with respect to hearing notices. • In family cases, only one temporary orders hearing is permitted per lawsuit in the absence of an emergency. • Also, Judge Smith is fine with prove-ups by affidavit and prove-ups (and any agreed matters) going to Aux Court. • Judge Smith would like to remind all of you that the District Courts in Collin County have a standing rule of 20 minutes per side for temporary orders hearings. <p data-bbox="512 1039 953 1065">Judge’s Memorandum (Family cases)</p> <p data-bbox="512 1092 1121 1118">380th Discovery Control Plan and Scheduling Order</p> <p data-bbox="512 1146 642 1172">Exhibit List</p> <p data-bbox="512 1200 659 1226">Witness List</p>

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401 st	May prove-up by affidavit, and may prove-up in Aux Court.	<p data-bbox="512 175 787 201">Honorable Mark Rusch</p> <p data-bbox="512 245 932 451">401st District Court Russell A. Steindam Courts Building 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 30030 McKinney, TX 75071 972-548-4241 (McKinney) 972-424-1460 ext. 4241 (Metro)</p> <table data-bbox="512 495 1507 597"> <tr> <td>Court Coordinator</td> <td>Kim Quillin</td> <td>972-548-4241, 401@collincountytx.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bailiff</td> <td>Ralph Evans</td> <td>972-548-4248, 401@collincountytx.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Court Reporter</td> <td>Kim Tinsley</td> <td>972-548-4247, ktinsley@collincountytx.gov</td> </tr> </table> <ul data-bbox="562 641 1976 1356" style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a general jurisdiction court. • Judge Rusch also does not like to interview children on temporary orders, but he will do it. The interview counts against your 20 minutes per side. He has no problem interviewing the child at trial. • He does not like “Henderson Rule” clauses. If the parties agree to them, he will sign orders incorporating them. But don’t ask him to enforce them. • Do not send blank notices of hearings or trial. Get the date and time from Court, then file completed notice. • When an ex-parte protective order or TRO is requested, please call and/or email the court coordinator to alert them so it does not sit in the que indefinitely. The court does not want people in potential peril to be ignored. Do this so they get to the front. This is a good practice in all courts. Judge Rusch does not require attorneys to appear when he reviews an application or a TRO and protective orders, but this is practically necessary when another side is already in a case and wants to argue why the order should not be signed. BE SURE TO COMPLY WITH EX-PARTE NOTICE RULES IN THE COLLIN COUNTY LOCAL RULES. • Bring a summary of requested relief to every hearing. If you offer it as an exhibit, he cannot write on it. If offered as a demonstrative aid, he can write on it and finds that very useful. Keep them to 1-2 pages max, double-spaced. If you want to make it longer than that, you probably cannot complete a TO hearing in 20 minutes a side. • Direct quote: “Buy the Family Law Section’s Predicates Manual, read and rely on it.” • Judge Rusch will let you lead in temporary orders hearing, beyond just preliminary questions, given the time constraints. He will also grant leeway with predicates because of time constraints, and will overrule lack of predicate objections during temporary orders hearings unless the objecting party states the basis for the objection. Less time merits more leeway, in his opinion. <p data-bbox="512 1398 1480 1425">Court website: https://www.collincountytx.gov/district_courts/Pages/401dc.aspx</p>	Court Coordinator	Kim Quillin	972-548-4241, 401@collincountytx.gov	Bailiff	Ralph Evans	972-548-4248, 401@collincountytx.gov	Court Reporter	Kim Tinsley	972-548-4247, ktinsley@collincountytx.gov
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417 th	May prove-up by affidavit, and may prove-up in Aux Court.	<p data-bbox="512 175 842 201">Honorable Cynthia Wheless</p> <p data-bbox="512 245 932 488">417th District Court Russell A. Steindam Courts Building 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 30290 McKinney, TX 75071 972-548-4658 (McKinney) 972-424-1460 ext. 4658 (Metro) 417@collincountytx.gov</p> <table data-bbox="512 529 1608 630"> <tr> <td>Court Administrator</td> <td>Angel Marksberry</td> <td>972-548-4658, amarksberry@co.collin.tx.us</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bailiff / Court Officer</td> <td>Rick Willey</td> <td>972-548-4685, rwilley@co.collin.tx.us</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Court Reporter</td> <td>Kathy Bounds</td> <td>972-548-4274, kbounds@co.collin.tx.us</td> </tr> </table> <ul data-bbox="562 675 1976 1432" style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a general jurisdiction court, with a preference for juvenile cases. • There are no court policies or forms posted on the website, but you can see Collin County Texas Youth Commission Commitment Reports here: https://www.collincountytx.gov/district_courts/Pages/417dc.aspx • Angel wants everybody copied on emails requesting hearing or trial dates. • When people do not agree on hearing dates, Court will set requesting party's hearing unless there is a proven conflict or vacation letter on file. • Court tries to set TO hearings for two weeks out from request. • On juvenile matters, Rick Willey handles the docket. DA usually does this in other counties. • Every juvenile case requires a lawyer, and a full hearing that takes at least 30 minutes even for a plea. • Cases are not set for hearing with an intention to pass; lawyers might think so, but because a parent must be present the court is mindful of the parents' need to get back to work. Be prompt, the court does not have much patience for tardiness of counsel that makes parents late to work and kids late to school. • Juvenile trial settings: Judge is forceful about having law enforcement testify first, so don't rigidly follow your script and order of witnesses. This applies across the board in all cases with police officers as witnesses, but it's particularly true in delinquency cases. • When the court certifies the child to stand trial as an adult, it keeps the case by transferring to her own criminal jurisdiction. • Judge does not allow attorneys to waive admonishment, <i>i.e.</i> the arraignment of the child. • TX Supreme Court wants disposition 45 days from filing of a petition. The court does this in 55-60 days, and that's actually pretty fast. The court will not give you more than 2-3 passes. • Court requires the DA to give juvenile counsel a copy of the predisposition report at the first setting. 	Court Administrator	Angel Marksberry	972-548-4658, amarksberry@co.collin.tx.us	Bailiff / Court Officer	Rick Willey	972-548-4685, rwilley@co.collin.tx.us	Court Reporter	Kathy Bounds	972-548-4274, kbounds@co.collin.tx.us
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429 th	No prove-up by affidavit, but may prove-up in Aux Court.	<p data-bbox="512 175 747 199">Honorable Jill Willis</p> <p data-bbox="512 248 932 451">429th District Court Russell A. Steindam Courts Building 2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 10014 McKinney, TX 75071 972-547-5720 (McKinney) 972-424-1460 ext. 5720 (Metro)</p> <table data-bbox="512 496 1591 594"> <tr> <td>Court Coordinator</td> <td>Lori Peairs</td> <td>972-547-5720, lpeairs@collincountytx.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bailiff</td> <td>John Duscio</td> <td>972-547-5721, jduscio@collincountytx.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Court Reporter</td> <td>LaTresta Ginyard</td> <td>972-547-5723, lginyard@co.collin.tx.us</td> </tr> </table> <ul data-bbox="562 643 1969 959" style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a general jurisdiction court, with a preference for civil and family law cases. • Contact the coordinator by email to obtain available trial dates and hearing dates. Hearing dates are not provided by phone. Copy all counsel on the email and confer to determine agreed date. Then e-file a completed notice of hearing/scheduling order to be set on the docket. Hearings are never set by email, and nothing is set in stone until a completed notice or scheduling order has been filed with the Court. • 429th Discovery Control Plan and Scheduling Order • Exhibit List • Witness List • Temporary Order Memorandum 	Court Coordinator	Lori Peairs	972-547-5720, lpeairs@collincountytx.gov	Bailiff	John Duscio	972-547-5721, jduscio@collincountytx.gov	Court Reporter	LaTresta Ginyard	972-547-5723, lginyard@co.collin.tx.us
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- Predicate manual. Big fan. A reasonable fact finder would say it is what it is. It's okay to have a script, just don't be limited by it, but if you aren't comfortable, follow it.
- Mediation required before trial required unless bench trial but limited to 1 hour a side. If you show up for trial but have not mediated, be prepared to try your case because she will not allow you to break rules to get a continuance.
- Under TRCP 21c, attorneys are prohibited from filing documents containing unredacted sensitive data. You must redact the sensitive data and use initials for each child's name in all pleadings. Do not mark filings as containing sensitive data—it is not a substitute for redacting. Tex. Fam. Code § 102.008(b)(2) requires a child's name and date of birth to be included in a petition in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship or a divorce petition involving children. These are the only filings that should contain a child's name or birth date. Since the inclusion of unredacted sensitive data is required, these petitions are the only filings that should be marked "NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA." **To ensure a final order is enforceable by contempt, you may want to include the children's names in the final order.**
- This court does not like to interview children in chambers either.

Court Website: https://www.collincountytx.gov/district_courts/Pages/470dc.aspx

- Contains forms, identifies policies, information for *pro se* parties, and transcript request form.

Judge Miskel's website: <http://www.emilymiskel.com/>

- A literal treasure trove of knowledge. All of Judge Miskel's CLE presentations are available here, as well as her blog entries.