

IN RE:
HIDALGO HAIL
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
CLAIM LITIGATION

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS
____TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

**ORDER ASSIGNING CASES FOR PRETRIAL MATTERS CONCERNING
HIDALGO COUNTY RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL HAIL CLAIMS**

The 93rd, 206th and 370th District Courts of Hidalgo County, Texas, have been assigned to handle all pretrial matters for residential and commercial property insurance cases filed in the District Courts of Hidalgo County, Texas that involve insurance disputes arising out of hail storms that struck Hidalgo County on or about March 29, 2012 and April 20, 2012. The most efficient and consistent manner for allocating the various matters among the three pretrial courts is to divide and assign the cases based on the named insurance carrier defendant. Accordingly, each of the pretrial courts is hereby assigned to handle pretrial matters in the subject Hidalgo County residential and commercial hail claims, as follows:

The 93rd Judicial District Court shall handle all pretrial matters in cases against the following insurance carriers:

1. State Farm entities
2. Homeowners of America
3. National Lloyds
4. Fred Loya Insurance
5. Standard Guaranty
6. Geovera
7. Southern Vanguard
8. Balboa
9. Republic Group
10. USAA

*****ALL OTHER INSURANCE CARRIERS NOT ASSIGNED UNDER THIS ORDER ARE ASSIGNED TO THE 93RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR PRETRIAL MATTERS.*****

The 206th Judicial District Court shall handle all pretrial matters in cases against the following insurance carriers:

1. Farmers Insurance entities
2. Foremost Insurance entities
3. Hocheim Prairie
4. Certain Underwriters
5. Meritplan
6. Underwriters at Lloyds
7. Scottsdale Insurance Co.
8. American Hallmark

9. Lloyds of London
10. Texas FAIR Plan Association
11. Standard Guaranty
12. Priority One
13. Progressive Insurance Co.
14. Lexington
15. Nationwide

The 370th Judicial District Court shall handle all pretrial matters in cases against the following insurance carriers:

1. Allstate entities
2. Wellington
3. America First
4. Cypress Texas Lloyds
5. American Risk
6. Germania
7. Pronto Insurance Co.
8. ASI Lloyds
9. Hartford
10. Companion
11. Frontier
12. Safeco
13. Travelers
14. Liberty Mutual
15. Universal
16. Ranchers & Farmers

It is further ORDERED that the parties are urged to attempt to agree on discovery matters, including written discovery disputes and the number and scope of depositions. However, if the parties are unable to reach a consensus regarding global or institutional discovery disputes, the presiding administrative judge for Hidalgo County District Courts will work in conjunction with the pre-trial judges to establish uniform parameters for discovery in all cases controlled by this pretrial order.

Signed this 28th day of February, 2013.



93rd District Court, Judge Rudy Delgado

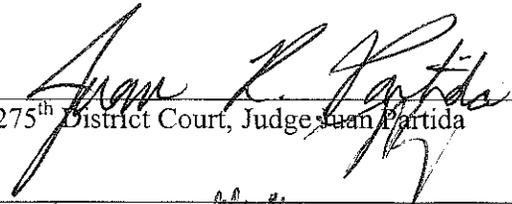


139th District Court, Judge Roberto Flores

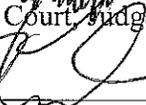


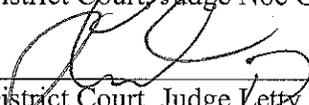
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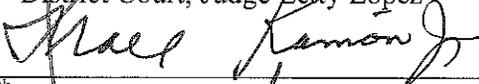
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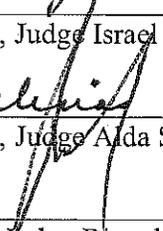

332nd District Court, Judge Marlo E. Ramirez, Jr.


370th District Court, Judge Noe Gonzalez


389th District Court, Judge Letty Lopez


430th District Court, Judge Israel Ramon, Jr.


398th District Court, Judge Aida Salinas Flores


92nd District Court, Judge Ricardo Rodriguez, Jr.