

401st Judicial District Court

The Hon. Kimberly M. Laseter, Presiding

Notice Re Summary Judgments

In many civil cases, Motions for Summary Judgment can be a way to efficiently narrow issues for trial or conclude the trial altogether. The Court therefore encourages the filing of motions for summary judgment when appropriate.

Motions for Summary Judgment will be submitted for consideration at a time certain and no oral arguments will be scheduled unless set by the Court with notice to the parties and then will be limited to issues specified in the notice.

The time and date of submission will always be at 3:00 P.M. on the Friday which is more than twenty-one days after the filing of the Motion and this time and date should be included on the face of the Motion or in a "Notice of Submission Date" paragraph at the end of the Motion.

The Movant(s) and Respondent(s) should deliver to the Court hard copies, organized logically by Noon the day before the submission hearing date (in a notebook), containing the following for the benefit of the Court:

1. The live pleadings;
2. The Motions and Responses, together with proof of service;
3. A Table of Contents of the testimony relied upon; with key testimony/exhibits copied or excerpted.
4. If there are objections to the evidence, a proposed Order listing each objection and containing check boxes for "Granted" or "Denied;"
5. A short brief of any relevant law with the most relevant cases and/or statutes/regulations attached. If you have cited multiple cases on a point of law, only include the single one or two most relevant cases.