

**258<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
POLK, SAN JACINTO AND TRINITY COUNTIES**

**STANDING ORDER - DEFAULT JUDGMENTS**

(effective January 1, 2023)

This Court hereby adopts the following Standing Discovery for the procedure concerning Default Judgments in the 258<sup>th</sup> Judicial District:

After the appropriate time has transpired for the Defendant to file an answer, the plaintiff shall file a Motion for Default Judgment requesting a default judgment and shall request a with the Court requesting a hearing on the Motion for Default Judgment, together with the Defendant's last known address. The Court will then set a hearing on the Motion for Default Judgment and send notice to the Defendant of such court hearing. If the Defendant fails to appear for the hearing on the Motion for Default Judgment, then the Court will consider granting of the Motion for Default Judgment without the necessity of the Plaintiff's counsel appearing. If the Defendant appears in Court, the appearance will be considered the answer and the Motion for Default Judgment will be denied and the case proceed according to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.



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TRAVIS E. KITCHENS, JR.  
Judge, 258<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Polk, San Jacinto and Trinity Counties