

General Scheduling Order
September 2022 Revision

County Criminal Court at Law #8
Harris County, Texas

The Court schedules each case using four-letter codes instructing counsel what must be completed in advance of the date associated with that code. For every case pending in this Court, the following schedule applies unless otherwise ordered:

Date Type	Description	Default Reset	Appear in Court?
ARRG Arraignment	First appearance by counsel or defendant. When the defendant is not in custody: If hired counsel files an Attorney of Record form by the business day before this setting, the case will be automatically reset.	+60 days MOTN	Yes
MOTN Motions	Cases set for MOTN will be automatically reset by the Court unless either party requests that the case be kept on the docket by the third business day before the setting. The Court may review conditions of bond at this setting and remove conditions as appropriate. If any party objects to the removal of any condition of bond, a written motion to retain certain bond conditions must be filed by the third business day before this setting.	+60 days PTCR	No
PTCR Pretrial Conference	At this setting, the Court will inquire whether discovery is complete. If the defendant intends to apply for a Pretrial Intervention, defense counsel may request additional time to complete the application.	+60 days PTMO, if Atty. is present or not	Only lawyers
PTMO Pretrial Motions	At this setting all discovery should be complete. If not, reset for 30 days.		Yes
DISP Disposition	Offers have been exchanged by the lawyers and awaiting decision.		Yes
PTIH DPIH	Awaiting pre-trial intervention disposition		Yes

Pretrial Interventions

When the defendant is requesting a pretrial intervention (PTI) from the State, counsel may inform the court coordinator that the PTI application is pending and the case will be set for DPIH (DWI PTI Hearing) or PTIH (Pretrial Intervention Hearing) and reset automatically every 30 days, until the State either offers or rejects a PTI. When the State or defendant rejects a PTI, the case will be placed back on the standard scheduling order at the Court's discretion.

If defense counsel anticipates filing an application for a PTI, the application must be made as soon as possible.

Jury Trials

The Court schedules jury trials for bond cases on Tuesday. Counsel must appear at docket one business day before trial is scheduled to either announce ready or present a motion for continuance.

On trial morning, parties must be in the courtroom and ready to proceed by 8:45 a.m.



Judge Franklin Bynum