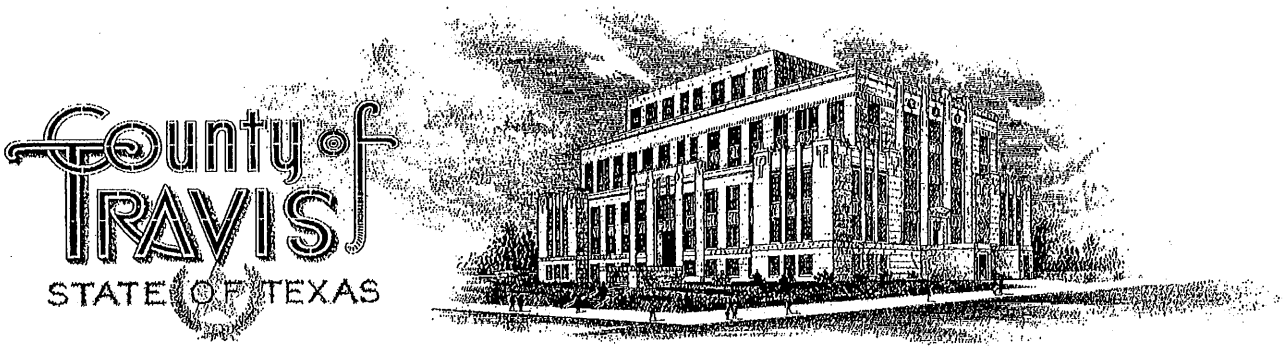

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3.3 **Pre-Trial Forms and Amended Pleadings Before a Final Trial on the Merits**

Before the final trial on the merits in any divorce suit, suit affecting the parent-child relationship, or suit to modify an order affecting the parent-child relationship, each party shall prepare and deliver pre-trial forms and any amended pleadings as follows:

(1) **Forms Required Depend on Type of Suit and Issue at Trial** .... [unchanged].

(2) **Where to file** ... [unchanged].

(3) **When to file**

a. Each party shall file the required pre-trial forms and any amendment to pleadings before 5:00 p.m. on the Monday two weeks before the week of the trial setting. (The Rule 166 Standing Order in Family Law Cases alters the pleading deadline in Rule 63.)

b. Amendments to pre-trial forms and amendments to pleadings may be filed after the deadline above only upon leave of court, which leave shall be granted unless there is a showing that the filing will operate as a surprise to the opposite party.