# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DIVISION

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Plaintiff(s) \*

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v. \* Civil Action No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Defendant(s) \*

# SAMPLE JOINT FINAL PRE-TRIAL ORDER

This cause came before the court at a pre-trial management conference held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, pursuant to Local Rule CV-16 and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

1. COUNSEL FOR THE PARTIES

Plaintiff(s):

Defendant(s):

1. STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

(e.g., “Jurisdiction in this case is based on diversity of citizenship under Title 28 U.S.C. §1332”; “Jurisdiction in this case is based on Title 28 U.S.C. § 1331 in that the plaintiff brings this action under Title 46 U.S.C. § 688, the Jones Act”)

Jurisdiction is (not) disputed.

1. NATURE OF ACTION

(e.g., “This is a products liability case wherein the plaintiff seeks damages for personal injuries sustained when he fell from the driver's seat of a forklift. The plaintiff contends that the forklift was defectively designed and manufactured by the defendant and that the defects were a producing cause of his injuries and damages.”)

1. CONTENTIONS OF THE PARTIES

(Note: The contentions of each party on those claims and issues approved for trial at the management conference shall be succinctly stated in a form suitable to be read to the jury.)

1. STIPULATIONS AND UNCONTESTED FACTS
2. CONTESTED ISSUES OF FACT AND LAW
3. LIST OF WITNESSES

Counsel should fill out and submit to the court an witness list containing the information in the form available on Judge Schroeder’s website. Counsel should include and note any witnesses that may be presented by deposition testimony. Those portions of the depositions that may be offered into evidence at trial shall be listed by page and line number.

1. LIST OF EXHIBITS

Counsel should fill out and submit to the court an exhibit list containing the information in the form available on Judge Schroeder’s website.

1. LIST OF ANY PENDING MOTIONS
2. PROBABLE LENGTH OF TRIAL

The probable length of trial is \_\_\_\_ days.

1. MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE LIMITATIONS

(Note: The parties shall set forth any limitations agreed upon or ordered by the court at or after the management conference set forth in Local Rule CV-16, such as a time limit on the length of trial, limitations on the number of experts a party may call, limitations on the length of video depositions, the use of deposition summaries, etc.)

1. TRIAL MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

(Note: The parties shall indicate any agreement on trial procedures for managing demonstratives, witnesses, and exhibits. The parties should specifically consider and identify (1) agreed deadlines for exchanging demonstratives they plan on using during direct or cross, whether such demonstratives may go to the jury during deliberations, and what constitutes a “demonstrative”; (2) agreed deadline for identifying witnesses to be called, whether in person or by deposition; (3) agreed deadlines for identifying exhibits to be used during trial; (4) and any other trial management procedure.)

1. CERTIFICATIONS

The undersigned counsel for each of the parties in this action does hereby certify and acknowledge the following:

* 1. Full and complete disclosure has been made in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Court’s orders;
  2. Discovery limitations set forth in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules, and the Court’s orders have been complied with;
  3. Each exhibit in the List of Exhibits herein:
     1. is in existence;
     2. is numbered; and
     3. has been disclosed and shown to opposing counsel.

Approved as to form and substance:

Attorneys for Plaintiff(s):

Attorneys for Defendant(s):

(Note: An attorney of record may sign and certify this order on behalf of opposing counsel “with permission.”)

(Note: Where additional parties are joined or intervene pursuant to Rules 14, 19 and 24 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the style of the case and the various sections of the pre-trial order should be modified to reflect the additional parties and information pertaining to them.)