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Judge

Burnet County Court at Law

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POLICY MEMORANDUM

TO: All Counsel Practicing in the Burnet County Court at Law
FROM: Cody Henson, Judge Presiding
RE: Class C Misdemeanor Scheduling and Pleas

Class C Misdemeanor Appeal Scheduling

Effective immediately, all Class C misdemeanor appeal cases filed in the Burnet County Court at Law will only receive two total settings, which are as follows:

1. Status Setting– Status conference.
2. Announce Ready Setting – Final pretrial setting.

Counsel must be present at the Status Setting, unless they have confirmed with the Court that they wish to waive the Status Setting. The defendant is not required to appear at the Status Setting. Counsel and their client must appear in person at the Announce Ready Setting. The Announce Ready Setting will serve as the final deadline for entry of any negotiated plea agreement. On or before that date, the State must communicate its best and final offer to the defendant. Upon filing, you will receive notice of both settings.

If the defendant does not accept the State’s final offer at the Announce Ready Setting, the case will be set for trial, either bench or jury, depending upon the defendant’s election. No plea agreements will be accepted after the Announce Ready Setting.

Pleas in Absentia

The Court will accept Class C pleas in absentia. All pleas in absentia must include the required plea in absentia admonitions, which are available on our website under the “misdemeanor” tab. All plea in absentia documents must be fully executed by the defendant, defense counsel (if applicable), and the State and submitted prior to the Announce Ready Setting.

Thank you for your continued service to Burnet County,

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