Introduction to the 2026–2027 Edition

Texas Practice Guide: Civil Pretrial is a how-to guide for Texas practitioners concerning civil pretrial procedure. It includes step-by-step analysis of civil pretrial procedures, citations to leading and most recent case law, as well as easy-to-use forms, checklists, and practice tips.

New features and recent developments in this 2026-2027 Edition include discussion of the following:

- Updated discussion of disqualification due to previous work of nonlawyer: In re Zaidi, 732 S.W.3d 525, 532 (Tex. 2026) (orig. proceeding) in "Consider potential conflicts of interest—Conflict of interest," § 1:9.
- Updated discussion of party standing in "Parties," ch. 2.
- Updated discussion of capacity of shareholders to sue in "Capacity of particular parties—Business entities—Domestic filing entities—Shareholders of corporations," § 2:53.
- New sections regarding jurisdiction, venue, removal and transfer of cases in the Texas business court. See §§ 3:23 to 3:25, § 6:58, §§ 15:20 to 15:24.
- Updated discussion of proof of service in the context of substituted service on the Secretary of State. See "Determination of sufficiency of process—Substituted service," § 9:39; "Restricted appeal—Error on the face of the record—Proof of service," § 9:146.
- Updated discussion with amendments to Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 52.3, 52.4 in "Mandamus and Injunctions," ch. 11.
- Updated discussion of designation of responsible third party in "Claim by defendant—Designation of responsible third party in tort cases," § 12:86.
- Updated discussion of use of depositions before suit or to investigate claim in "Discovery," ch. 13.
- Updated discussion of amendments to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 166a for summary judgments in "Summary Judgment Practice," ch 14.
- New sections regarding removal and recusal of business court judges and appointment of visiting judges to business court. See §§ 15:73 to 15:75.
- Updated discussion of Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 500-510 for justice courts in "Rules of Practice in Justice Courts," ch 16.
- Amendments to all pertinent rules throughout.
- Cases updated throughout.