



Calhoun County Court at Law

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Dear Parties:

Your case has been scheduled for a **Final Divorce hearing**. This letter is provided to explain **court procedures only**. It is **not legal advice**.

Appearing for Your Final Divorce Hearing

If you are representing yourself (also called **pro se**), you must appear in court on your scheduled hearing date. At that hearing, the Judge will ask you questions about your case. You must be prepared to answer those questions under oath.

What You Must Bring to Court

Please bring the following items with you to your hearing:

- **A copy of your Original Petition for Divorce**
 - If you do not have a copy, you may obtain one from the County Clerk's Office. A **copy fee may apply**.
- Any other documents required by law or by prior court order.

If you do not bring the required documents, your divorce may not be finalized and your case may be delayed.

What Is a "Prove-Up"?

A **prove-up** is when you briefly tell the Judge the basic information needed to grant your divorce. This is done by answering questions in court. The Judge will ask questions to confirm information such as:

- How long you have lived in Texas and in the county
- That the marriage cannot continue due to discord or conflict
- How property and debts are divided
- Information about children, if applicable

The Court cannot tell you what to say or how to present your case.



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Getting Help or Legal Information

Court staff cannot give legal advice or help you fill out forms. If you do not understand the process or believe you need legal advice, you may seek help from the following resources **before your hearing date**:

TexasLawHelp.org

Website: <https://www.texaslawhelp.org>

Provides free legal information, step-by-step instructions, and forms for people representing themselves.

Texas RioGrande Legal Aid – Victoria Office

6502 Nursery Dr., Suite 302

Victoria, TX 77904

Phone: (361) 226-5542

Toll-Free: (800) 234-1274

Provides legal assistance to qualifying individuals in family law matters.

Failure to appear for your hearing or failure to bring the required documents may result in your case being reset or delayed.

AVISO IMPORTANTE – INTÉRPRETE (ESPAÑOL)

Si usted **no habla inglés**, debe traer un **intérprete calificado** con usted a la audiencia o solicitar al tribunal que se le proporcione un intérprete **antes de la fecha de la audiencia**.

Si no hay un intérprete disponible, la audiencia puede ser reprogramada.

Si necesita solicitar un intérprete, comuníquese con la oficina del tribunal lo antes posible.

Respectfully,

Hon. James R. Beeler

Judge, Calhoun County Court at Law