



Motions for Summary Judgment

Compliance and Reporting Requirements

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A close-up photograph of a wooden gavel resting on a wooden block. The gavel has a long handle and a head with two rounded ends. The wood is dark and polished. The background is a light, neutral color.

Background & Stakeholders

Statute

Government Code, Section 23.303 (added by SB 293, 89th R.S.; amended by HB 16, 2nd Called Session, 2025)

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 166a (Texas Supreme Court adopted 2/27/2026, Misc. Docket 26-9012)

Sec. 23.303. PROCEDURES RELATED TO MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT; ANNUAL REPORT. (a) The business court, a district court, or a statutory county court shall, with respect to a motion for summary judgment:

- (1) set the motion for a hearing by oral argument or by submission on a date not later than:
 - (A) the 60th day after the date the motion was filed; or
 - (B) the 90th day after the date the motion was filed:
 - (i) if the court's docket requires a hearing on a date later than the 60th day after the date the motion was filed;
 - (ii) on a showing of good cause; or
 - (iii) if the movant consents; and
- (2) file with the clerk of the court and provide to the parties a written ruling on the motion not later than the 90th day after the date the motion was heard or considered.

(b) The court shall record in the docket the date the motion was heard or considered.

(b-1) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a motion for summary judgment that is withdrawn.

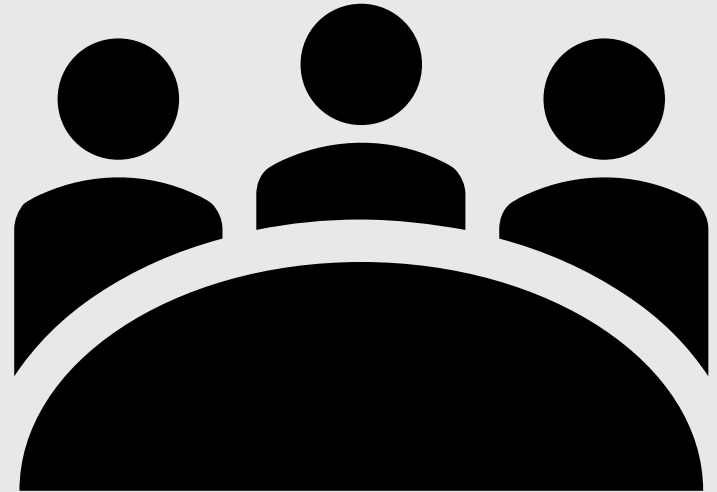
(c) A clerk of a court described by Subsection (a) shall report the court's compliance with the times prescribed by this section to the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System not less than once per quarter using the procedure the office prescribes for the submission of reports under this subsection.

(d) The Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System shall prepare an annual report regarding compliance of courts and clerks with the requirements of this section during the preceding state fiscal year. Not later than December 31 of each year, the office shall submit the report prepared under this section to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives and make the report publicly available.

(e) Repealed by Acts 2025, 89th Leg., 2nd C.S., Ch. 7 (H.B. 16), Sec. 12.11(4), eff. December 4, 2025.

Stakeholders

- Business Court, District Courts, and Statutory County Courts
 - No Constitutional County Courts need to report.
- Stakeholders include judges, court coordinators, clerks, and case management system vendors.
- Processes will vary by jurisdiction.





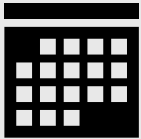
Requirements



Reporting Requirements



Clerks must submit a quarterly report of each court's compliance.



OCA must prepare an annual report, no later than December 31st.



The annual report must be made publicly available.

Reporting Timeframe

The reporting requirements are effective March 1, 2026. All MSJs filed on or after March 1, 2026, should be reported.

The report must be submitted to OCA on the 20th of the month following the end of a quarter.

The **first report**, covering FY 2026 Q3 (March – May 2026), will be due September 20th.

Date Range	Quarter	Report Due Date
Sep 1 - Nov 30	1	Dec 20
Dec 1 - Feb 28/29	2	Mar 20
Mar 1 - May 31	3	Jun 20
Jun 1 - Aug 31	4	Sep 20

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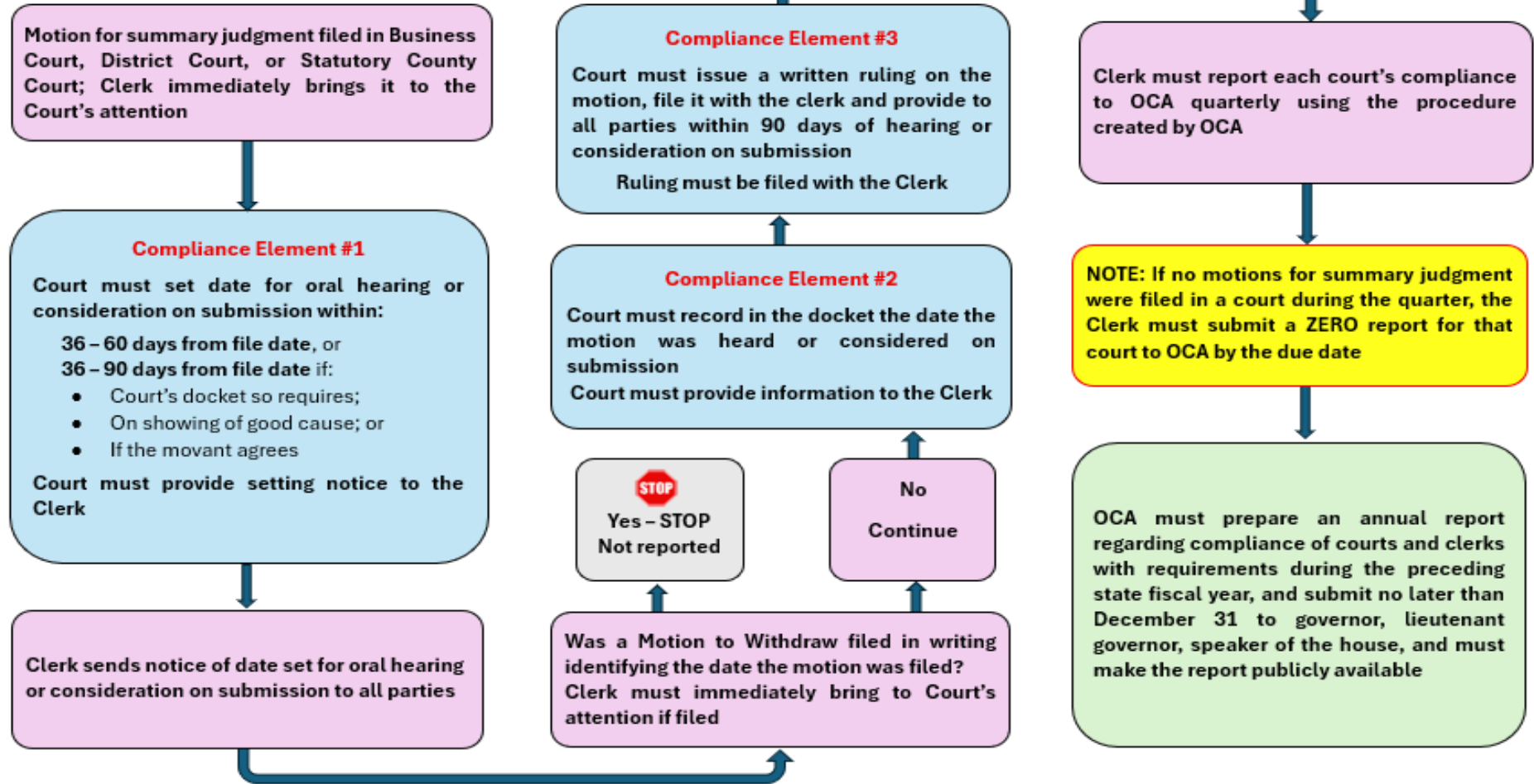
Breaking Down the Reporting Requirements

MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT PROCEDURES FLOWCHART

Effective March 1, 2026

Government Code, [Sec. 23.303](#)

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, [Rule 166a](#)



Court Responsibility
 Clerk Responsibility
 OCA
 No Motions Filed - Zero Report

Updated April 2026

Compliance Elements

#1 Court setting date for oral hearing or consideration on submission

- Court must set no later than the 60th day from the date the motion was filed or the 90th day from date of filing:
 - If the court's docket requires a later date;
 - On a showing of good cause; or
 - If the movant consents.

Compliance Elements

#2 Court ruling file date

- The court must record in the docket the date the motion was heard or considered on submission.
- The court must sign a written ruling on the motion, file it with the clerk, and provide the ruling to the parties **within 90 days after the hearing or submission docket entry date.**

Compliance Factors:

Case events that are instrumental in measuring compliance but are not reportable elements include:

- Motion for Summary Judgment file date – controls the setting deadline.

Tracking Strategies

Motion for Summary Judgment Filed

- MSJ file date is the starting point for tracking compliance with the timelines.
- CMS filing or event types will need to be unique to ensure accurate report mapping.

Motion for Summary Judgment Withdrawn

- If a MSJ is withdrawn, the compliance timelines and reporting requirements do not apply.
 - Filing / Event Type – Notice of MSJ Withdrawal

Tracking Strategies

- **Compliance Element #1 – Court Setting Date**
 - The court will need to provide this date to the clerk, e.g., Notice of Setting, Order Setting, or hearing type data to capture the setting date.
 - CMS filing / event types or hearing types will need to be unique to ensure accurate report mapping.
 - The court will also need to provide notice of reset to the clerk when applicable.

Tracking Strategies

- **Compliance Element #2 – Court Ruling File Date**
 - Clerk must receive the court's written ruling no later than 90 days from the date the court entered on the docket that the motion was heard or considered.
 - Filing or Event Type –
 - Summary Judgment
 - Order Denying Motion for Summary Judgment
 - Order Dismissing Motion for Summary Judgment

Prescribed Timeframes

- The day of the event that starts the prescribed timeframe must not be included in the compliance period.
 - In calculating the setting deadline, do not include the date that the MSJ was filed.
 - In calculating the due date for the Court's written ruling, do not include the hearing or submission date entered on the docket.
- If the last day of a prescribed timeframe falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the deadline falls on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday.

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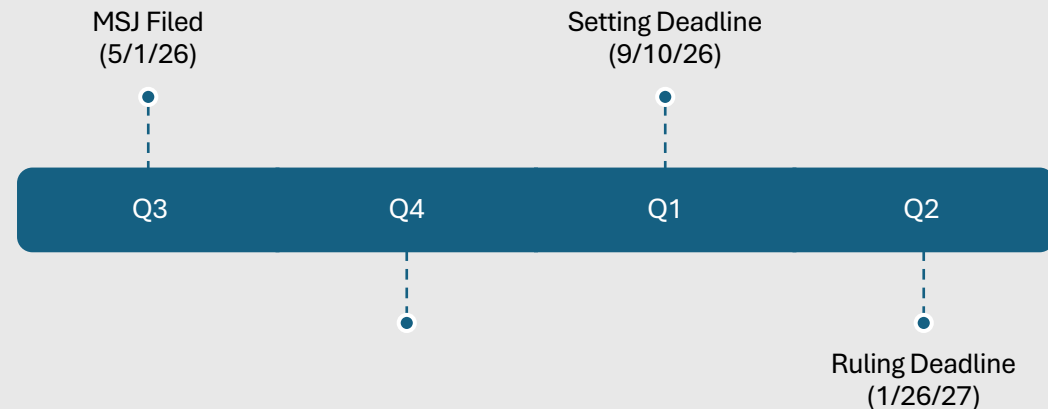
Examples

Reporting Periods

Because of the prescribed timelines, most Motions for Summary Judgment will fall within more than one quarter.

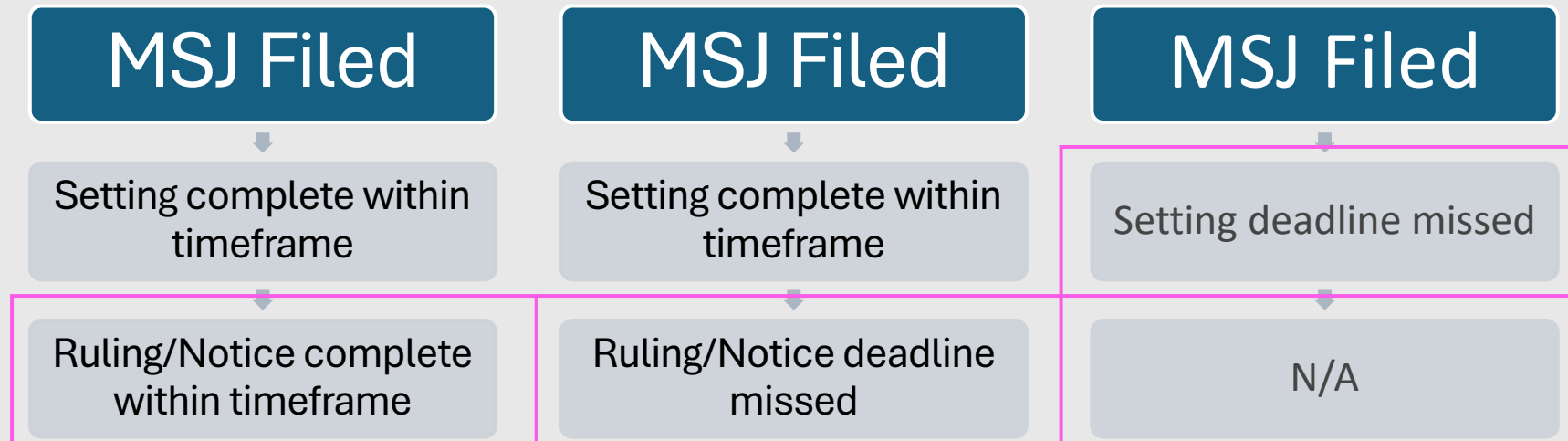
Example:

- MSJ filed 5/15/2026 (FY 2026, 3rd Quarter)
- Setting deadline is 8/13/2026 (5/15/2026 + 90 days) (FY2026, 4th Quarter)
- Ruling deadline date is 11/11/2026 (8/13/2026 + 90 days) (FY 2027, 1st Quarter)



Reporting Periods

Report in the quarter in which the deadline was missed (non-compliance) OR when the ruling was filed.



Reporting Example

Same IDs as used in Performance Measures Reports

Court Type (Business, District or Statutory County)	Court ID	Court Name	Total # Motions for Summary Judgment Filed in Reporting Quarter	# Motions for Summary Judgment - Compliant (Total "Y" on worksheet)	# Motions for Summary Judgment - Noncompliant (Total "N" on worksheet)
District	999999999	99th District Court	2	1	1
County	777777777	County Court at Law	1	0	0
County	555555555	County Court at Law	0	0	0
County	111111111	County Court at Law	1	0	0
District	333333333	3rd District Court	1	0	0

Tracking Tool

Court Type	Court ID	Court Name	Cause No.	MSJ File Date <i>NOTE: Enter file date of each MSJ, even if multiple filed in same case.</i>	Dismissed Prior to Hearing/ Consideration, Deactivating Event Filed*, or Motion to Withdraw Filed (Enter Y or N) <i>NOTE: Do not report.</i>	MSJ Setting Due Date	Hearing/ Submission Setting Date (36 - 90 days from file date) <i>NOTE: Enter date provided by Court; if none, leave blank. If reset, enter reset date.</i>	Requirement met? (Y/N)	Judgment Due Date	Judgment/ Ruling File Date	Requirement met? (Y/N)	ALL REQUIREMENTS MET
County	777777777	County Court at Law	12222	3/1/2026	N	6/1/2026	4/24/2026	Y	8/28/2026	4/24/2026	Y	Y
County	555555555	County Court at Law	13333	4/1/2026	Y	6/30/2026	8/9/2026	N/A	9/28/2026		N/A	N/A
County	111111111	County Court at Law	22222	5/1/2026	N	7/30/2026	9/10/2026	N	10/28/2026	9/10/2026	Y	N
District	333333333	3rd District Court	98765	4/30/2026	N	7/29/2026	6/22/2026	Y	10/27/2026		Pending	Pending

Note: The excel workbook provided by OCA is intended to be an optional resource for tracking MSJ reporting data. Each jurisdiction should adopt their own processes to capture the information.

A woman with long, curly dark hair, wearing a white lab coat, is standing in a laboratory. She is holding a white marker in her right hand and is writing on a whiteboard. Her left hand is also holding a marker. The whiteboard is mounted on a stand. In the background, there is a large window with a view of a modern building. The text "Additional Information" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Additional Information

Zero Reports

- Clerks must submit a zero report for each court in which there were no motions for summary judgment filed or pending during the quarter reported.
- A zero report must be submitted regardless of the types of cases heard by the court.

Submission Method

OCA is currently working on the submission process for these new reports and will send out notification as soon as available.

A notice to Clerks and CMS Vendors will be sent out as soon as submission guidance is complete.

Reporting Instructions and Resources

- <https://www.txcourts.gov/reporting-to-oca/district-county-court-level-reporting/motion-for-summary-judgment/>
 - Reporting Instructions and Guidance
 - Flowchart
 - Sample Timeline

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Motion for Summary Judgment

MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Motions for Summary Judgment

Section 23.303 of the Texas Government Code requires the clerk of a business, district, or statutory county court to report each court's compliance with prescribed timelines on Motions for Summary Judgments (MSJs) to the Office of Court Administration (OCA) not less than once per quarter.

Reports must include:

1. The number of MSJs with both requirements met:
 - Hearing/submission date falls within 60 or 90 days of the motion's filing; and
 - Judgment/ruling filing date falls within 90 days of the hearing/consideration docket entry date; AND
2. The number of MSJs with one or both requirements not met.



Questions