

**COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, THIRTEENTH DISTRICT, CORPUS
CHRISTI–EDINBURG**

Diana Leticia Sandoval v. Erick Trevino

Sandoval v. Trevino · No. 13-22-00139-CV · Decided May 10, 2022

SUMMARY

The Thirteenth Court of Appeals of Texas ordered the appeal abated and referred the case to mediation. The order establishes procedures for selecting a mediator, conducting mediation, reporting its outcome, addressing fees, and seeking dispositive relief if the case settles.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Court of Appeals of Texas, Thirteenth District, Corpus Christi–Edinburg
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice Contreras; Justice Benavides; Justice Tijerina
JURISDICTION	Texas
DECIDED	May 10, 2022
DOCKET	13-22-00139-CV
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The court, on its own motion and after reviewing the docketing statements, abated the appeal and referred the case to mediation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published order; no reporter citation appears in the provided text.
PARTIES	Diana Leticia Sandoval v. Erick Trevino

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the appeal should be abated and referred to mediation based on the court's review of the docketing statements.
2. What procedures and deadlines would govern the mediation while the appeal was abated.

HOLDINGS

1. The court ordered the appeal abated and referred the case to mediation.
2. The parties were required to promptly select or notify the court regarding a mediator, attend a full-day confidential and non-binding mediation, comply with the court's deadlines and attendance requirements, and report the mediation's outcome to the court.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“This cause is before the Court on its own motion. Upon review of the docketing statements in this matter, the Court has determined the case should be referred to mediation.” (at 1)

“Mediation is a mandatory, non-binding settlement conference conducted with the assistance of a mediator.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The opinion provides no substantive facts concerning the underlying dispute. Based on its review of the docketing statements, the appellate court determined that the case should be referred to mediation.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The appeal was taken from County Court at Law No. 4 of Hidalgo County, Texas. The Thirteenth Court of Appeals determined that mediation was appropriate, ordered the parties to mediate under specified conditions, and abated the appeal pending review of the mediator's report and further order.

DISPOSITION

other

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

The appeal was abated pending the court's review of the mediator's report and further order. If mediation fully resolved the case, the parties were ordered to file a joint or agreed motion seeking dispositive relief within fourteen days after mediation, or an agreed motion for additional time.