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March 17, 2020

Dear Counselors and Litigants:

In response to the State of Disaster declared by the Governor, and the public health concern associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Texas Association of Court Administration has recommended that courts in the State of Texas modify their calendar for court proceedings to minimize the risk of exposure to court participants, staff and the public. Below outlines information per each docket County Court at Law No. One handles. *This information covers all docket through May 8, 2020.*

**CRIMINAL DOCKETS**

All currently set jail dockets will continue as scheduled. Below is a chart of the rescheduled court dates for County Court at Law No. One.

**Current Court Date**

**New Court Date**

April 7, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Announcement Docket	June 2, 2020 at 1:30 pm
April 8, 2020 at 9:00 am	Plea Docket	June 3, 2020 at 9:00 am
April 8, 2020 at 1:00 pm	Designation Docket	June 1, 2020 at 9:00 am
April 9, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Plea Docket	June 4, 2020 at 1:30 am
April 14, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Announcement Docket	June 16, 2020 at 1:30 pm
April 15, 2020 at 9:00 am	Announcement Docket	June 17, 2020 at 9:00 am
April 15, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Announcement Docket	June 18, 2020 at 1:30 pm
April 16, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Plea Docket	June 18, 2020 at 1:30 pm
April 20, 2020 at 8:30 am	Criminal Jury Trial	June 8, 2020 at 8:30 am
April 28, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Announcement Docket	June 23, 2020 at 1:30 pm
April 29, 2020 at 9:00 am	Announcement Docket	June 24, 2020 at 9:00 am
April 29, 2020 at 1:00 pm	Designation Docket	June 24, 2020 at 1:00 pm
April 30, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Plea Docket	June 25, 2020 at 1:30 pm
May 5, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Announcement Docket	June 30, 2020 at 1:30 pm
May 6, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Announcement Docket	June 30, 2020 at 1:30 pm
May 7, 2020 at 1:30 pm	Plea Docket	June 25, 2020 at 1:30 pm

Should your client need an earlier court date for a plea, emergency setting or you have a vacation letter on file/conflict, please reach out to Terry Barrick at [tbarrick@wilco.org](mailto:tbarrick@wilco.org).

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASES**

The essential dockets, as defined by emergency guidelines, such as Show Cause and Chapter 262 hearings will continue to be heard. All statutory hearings will be reset, and attorneys will receive an email

notification of the reset dates from Drenda Coffey. For questions *after you receive the reset dates*, please reach out to [drenda.coffey@wilco.org](mailto:drenda.coffey@wilco.org).

**FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

These dockets are essential, as defined by emergency guidelines, and the current dates will be maintained unless you hear from the Court. For questions, Drenda Coffey at [drenda.coffey@wilco.org](mailto:drenda.coffey@wilco.org).

**FAMILY LAW DOCKETS**

The essential dockets, as defined by emergency guidelines, such as TRO will continue to be set. For modification hearings currently, the Court Administrator will email litigants with reset dates. For questions, please reach out to Drenda Coffey at [drenda.coffey@wilco.org](mailto:drenda.coffey@wilco.org).

**CIVIL DOCKETS**

**Current Court Date**

April 6, 2020 at 9:00 am  
May 1, 2020 at 9:00 am

Civil Final Hearings  
Civil Final Hearings

**New Court Date**

May 22, 2020 at 9:00 am  
May 22, 2020 at 9:00 am

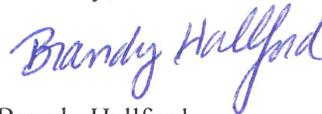
For questions on the civil docket, please reach out to Terry Barrick at [tbarrick@wilco.org](mailto:tbarrick@wilco.org)

**PARTICIPATION IN THE HEARINGS**

At this time, essential hearings will be held at the courthouse. If you have special medical concerns and would like to participate by alternate methods, please contact the Court. Alternative methods are being explored by Williamson County and the State Director of the Office of Court Administration.

I greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together through this challenging time. **Lastly, you may rest assured that your Williamson County judiciary will continue to be responsive to the needs of our community and our judicial duties.**

Sincerely,



Brandy Hallford  
Presiding Judge  
County Court at Law No. One

Attachment:  
First Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 20-9042

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# IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 20-007

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## FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER

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**ORDERED** that:

1. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. This order is issued pursuant to Section 22.0035(b) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Subject only to constitutional limitations, all courts in Texas may in any case, civil or criminal—and must to avoid risk to court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors, and the public—without a participant’s consent:

a. Modify or suspend any and all deadlines and procedures, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, for a stated period ending no later than 30 days after the Governor’s state of disaster has been lifted;

b. Allow or require anyone involved in any hearing, deposition, or other proceeding of any kind—including but not limited to a party, attorney, witness, or court reporter, but not including a juror—to participate remotely, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means;

- c. Consider as evidence sworn statements made out of court or sworn testimony given remotely, out of court, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means;
  - d. Conduct proceedings away from the court's usual location, but in the county of venue, and only with reasonable notice and access to the participants and the public;
  - e. Require every participant in a proceeding to alert the court if the participant has, or knows of another participant who has, COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, or a fever, cough or sneezing;
  - f. Take any other reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19.
3. All courts in Texas may extend the statute of limitations in any civil case for a stated period ending no later than 30 days after the Governor's state of disaster has been lifted.
4. This Order is effective as of March 13, 2020, and expires May 8, 2020, unless extended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
5. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:
  - a. post a copy of this Order on [www.txcourts.gov](http://www.txcourts.gov);
  - b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and
  - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.
6. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

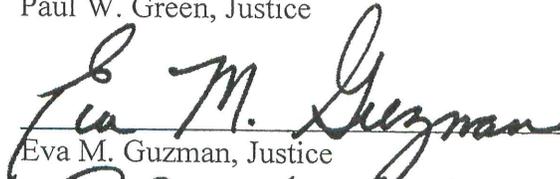
Dated: March 13, 2020



Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



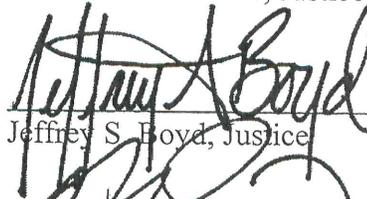
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Eva M. Guzman, Justice



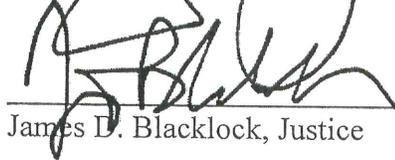
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



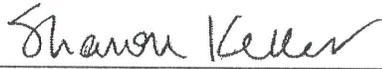
James D. Blacklock, Justice



J. Brett Busby, Justice



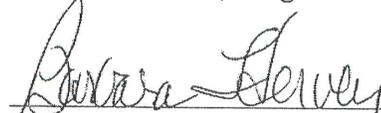
Jane N. Bland, Justice



Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge

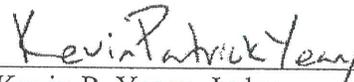


Michael Keasler, Judge

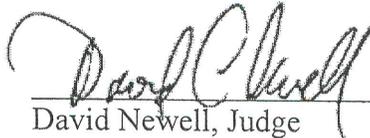


Barbara P. Hervey, Judge

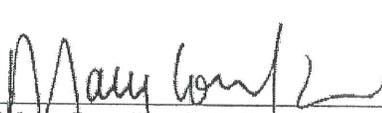
Bert Richardson, Judge



Kevin P. Yeary, Judge



David Newell, Judge



Mary Lou Keel, Judge



Scott Walker, Judge



Michelle M. Slaughter, Judge