



# WILLIAMSON COUNTY COURTS

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March 23, 2020

To: Members of the Williamson County Bar

From: Judges of Williamson County

Re: Court Operations During Public Health Emergency

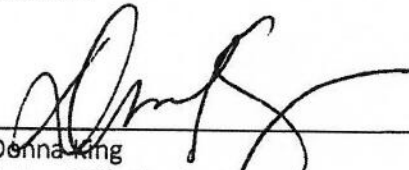
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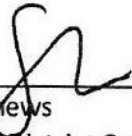
The current conditions in Texas resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic are causing significant anxiety for everyone, especially for those who rely on a well-functioning justice system to resolve disputes in criminal and civil cases. **We hear and understand the worry that you and your clients are feeling.** Your role as advocates is critical in this uncharted time. We are committed to doing everything within our power to keeping the Courthouse open and operational so that you can continue to represent your clients' interests.

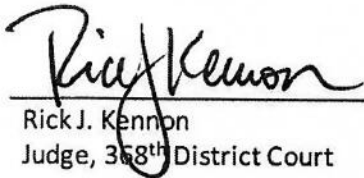
Balancing the health and safety of participants in the justice system, including you and your clients, with the judicial process is something we take very seriously. We must abide by the various orders issued by local, state, and federal officials. **We all have a duty to one another to slow down the spread of this disease. We must act urgently so our health care system is not overwhelmed.** At the same time, we know that urgent issues that come before courts do not, cannot, and will not stop, even in a pandemic. Because of this, the Judges in the Williamson County Courts have spent the last week working closely with staff to develop processes that will allow for critical issues to continue to be addressed.

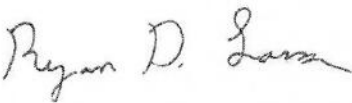
We will continue to post Courthouse Status updates on the official websites of Williamson County. Please stay in contact with the Court Administrators of the various courts where you have matters pending, as they will be the point of contact for scheduling matters.

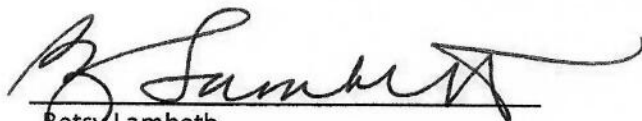
Please continue to take care of yourselves and your families, and encourage your clients to do the same.

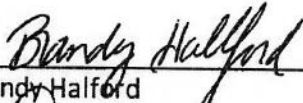
  
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Judge, 26<sup>th</sup> District Court

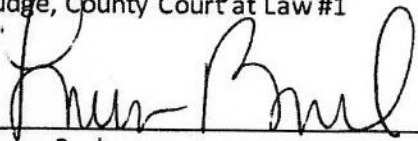
  
Stacey Mathews  
Judge, 277<sup>th</sup> District Court

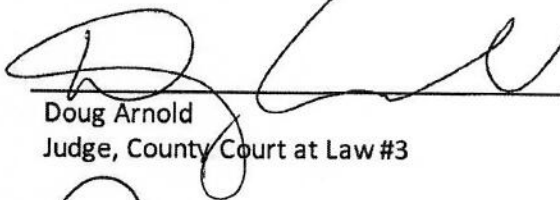
  
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Judge, 358<sup>th</sup> District Court

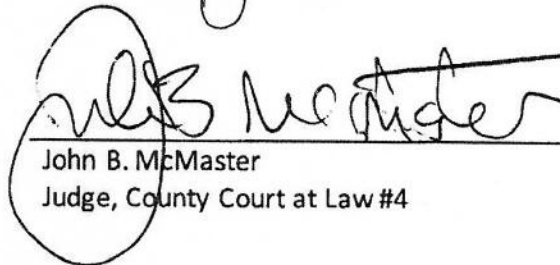
  
Ryan D. Larson  
Judge, 395<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
Betsy Lambeth  
Judge, 425<sup>th</sup> District Court

  
Brandy Halford  
Judge, County Court at Law #1

  
Laura Barker  
Judge, County Court at Law #2

  
Doug Arnold  
Judge, County Court at Law #3

  
John B. McMaster  
Judge, County Court at Law #4