

Travis County Courts at Law Operations During COVID-19 Emergency

- Out of custody cases are being automatically reset until after May 8th or later in accordance with the Texas Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals orders signed on March 13, 2020 and March 19, 2020.
- Attorneys should consult online dockets for out of custody court settings and email the court coordinator for resets if the new date is not convenient.
- All misdemeanor jail cases will only be set on the Bond Review Docket (BRD), occurring Monday-Friday at 10 am, with the exception of County Court at Law #4 (CC4) and the Special Reduction Docket (SPRD).
- CC4 will have jail docket on Wednesdays at 9 am and will have a limited Protective Order (PO) docket on Fridays at 8:30 am, until further notice. Measures will be taken to reduce the number of cases set on any given PO docket.
- The SPRD jail docket will occur Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am in County Court at Law #5 (CC5).
- BRD, CC4, and SPRD jail court dates and times may change if virtual dockets become mandatory.
- Attorneys must utilize e-file for all motions and orders needing signatures. The court must be copied on any e-filed documents.
- If the Court is willing to approve a bond, but the client has not signed the bond, the Judges will electronically approve either a release card or a bond. If the defendant's signature is required and the individual is in the Travis County Correctional Complex (Del Valle), the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) will collect the signature and post the bond. If the defendant is unavailable for signature, the defendant will be released and will sign the bond subsequent to release.
- The Travis County Court at Law Judges are making every attempt to limit the number of people in the courthouse, so inmates will only be transported if there is an agreed resolution to the case. Defense Attorneys must send inmate transport requests to the court coordinators by **noon** the day before the court setting. Requests for Monday transport should be received by noon on the preceding Friday.

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- The Courts are committed to working with all affected parties during these challenging times. Your patience and understanding are appreciated as the situation continues to evolve. We will provide updates as we further improve processes to ensure safety for all parties in our courts.

Signed on behalf of Travis County Court at Law Judges Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9



Judge Elisabeth Earle
Local Administrative Statutory County Court Judge

March 19, 2020

Date

Effective March 19, 2020