



COMAL COUNTY

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County Court-at-Law No. 2 makes changes to combat COVID-19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, MARCH 16, 2020:

NEW BRAUNFELS — Pursuant to the Order of The Supreme Court of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-9042) and The Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-007) - FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER:

CRIMINAL DOCKETS:

Effective immediately, Hearings and Court Appearances are cancelled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020; Wednesday, March 18, 2020; Monday, March 30, 2020; Tuesday, March 31, 2020; and Wednesday April 1, 2020.

Cases will be re-set and you will receive notice in the mail of your re-set date.

No warrants shall issue for a failure to appear on those dates.

Any party with counsel who wishes to enter a plea may do so, and it shall be submitted to the court ONLY via e-file.

THE CRIMINAL JURY DOCKET FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2020 IS CANCELLED. JURORS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR.

PROBATE DOCKETS:

The Probate Dockets on Thursday, March 19, 2020; and Thursday April 2, 2020 will not be cancelled, but all paperwork MUST be e-filed before the hearing date, including Orders to be signed.

Any documents which require the witness to be sworn before the Clerk will be signed and e-filed. At the time of the hearing the Clerk will swear in the witness and sign the document printed by the Clerk.

NO paperwork will exchange hands between the parties, attorneys, court staff or court.

CIVIL DOCKETS:

The Civil Dockets on Thursday, March 19, 2020; and Thursday April 2, 2020 will not be cancelled.

If a party or attorney does not attend, no default orders will be granted.

As above, NO paperwork will exchange hands between the parties, attorneys, court staff or court. All documents shall be submitted via e-file only.

FAMILY LAW DOCKETS:

The Family Law Dockets for Thursday, March 19, 2020; Friday, March 20, 2020; Thursday, April 2, 2020; and Friday April 3, 2020 will not be cancelled.

The only in-person hearings will limited to Essential Proceedings. Essential Proceedings will include CPS removal hearings, temporary orders, juvenile detention hearings, family violence protective orders, and mental health proceedings.

Agreed Orders shall be e-filed for the Court's signature.

Uncontested Divorces may be conducted via a reliable video-conferencing method. The Court has available Court Call, Zoom, and Facetime.

All Decrees, QDRO's and other documents shall be e-filed prior to the hearing.

Any contested hearing, upon approval, will also be conducted via a reliable video-conferencing method. Any hearing not in-person will require the parties/counsel to waive a record before proceeding.

ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS WHICH REQUIRE THE COURT'S SIGNATURE SHALL BE SUBMITTED VIA E-FILE.

THE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH APRIL 3, 2020.

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