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As we begin to move forward from the restricted COVID practices, I would like to thank each of you for your diligence in making these unusual and difficult times work as seamlessly as you have.

Now, it is time to begin the process for the Court to move toward a return to in-person practices. We will utilize the same practices in all three (3) Counties for the 12th District Court. The plan is as follows:

In April 2021, I will continue to hear all matters via Zoom.

In May 2021, I will begin conducting hearings in-person.

In June 2021, docket calls/jury trials will begin in-person.

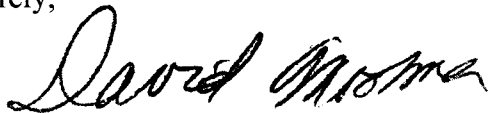
Until all matters are heard in-person, attorneys must have your clients who are not incarcerated present only when they are accepting a plea to probation, or they are accepting a plea to incarceration, as they will be taken into custody at that time.

As a permanent change, I will continue to hear all matters for defendants who are incarcerated in the County Jails and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice via Zoom in Grimes County, Madison County and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I will use the dedicated circuit in Walker County. Jail Administrators have advised that if you intend to see your client the day of Court, you MUST be at the County Jail prior to 7:00am.

All pleas should be signed by all parties, fingerprinted and filed with the Clerk's office prior to Court.

I look forward to resuming in-person practices and seeing you soon.

Sincerely,



The Honorable David W. Moorman
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