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To All Attorneys Practicing in the 4th Judicial District Court of Rusk County, Texas:

Please be advised that we are not scheduling jury trials at this time due to the OCA guidelines. Their most recent position is set out as follows:

"Jury trials must not be held until further guidance is issued by the Office of Court of Administration (expected to be released no later than mid-May for proceedings in the summer). It is anticipated that jury trials can safely resume in the summer; however, due to the unique nature of these proceedings, special attention must be provided to ensure the safety of the jurors and others in these large group gatherings. Specific guidance to assist jurisdictions in planning resumption of jury proceedings will be issued soon."

Therefore, we will send out dockets and schedules as soon as we receive further guidance from the OCA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Clay Gossett". Below the signature, the text "Judge Presiding" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.

cc: Michael Jimerson
Rusk County District Attorney