

# County Court at Law

## Polk County, Texas

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Re: County Court level misdemeanors in Polk  
County

Counsel:

The following procedures will be followed while we are under the various declarations of emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Friday criminal dockets: If a defendant is represented by an attorney, the case will be passed from the docket and will be reset at a later date if necessary. If the defendant and counsel has not previously appeared, please efile a waiver of arraignment and/or a notice of appearance.

If a defendant does not have an attorney, indigency and pro se status will be addressed at Friday dockets. If an attorney is appointed, the defendant will be given contact information and the attorney will be sent the appointment paperwork, just like we do with jail cases.

Each defense attorney should contact the District Attorney's Office for Article 39.14 discovery and possible resolutions. Misdemeanor prosecutors are expected to make themselves available to the defense attorneys. As usual, if a case is resolved, the Court is available almost every day. Call my coordinator so we can work you in. If anyone feels that an attorney is refusing to professionally represent his or her client, be it a defense lawyer or prosecutor, contact my office. We are developing procedures to address compliance issues.

If a hearing is needed by either the State or the defense, please schedule same with my office.

The above procedures are intended to allow the misdemeanor criminal justice system to function within the current constraints dictated by the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Office of Court Administration. This is not to be interpreted as a vacation. Trials will resume as soon as we are authorized to do so.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

