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March 17, 2020

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and following the State of Disaster issued by the Supreme Court of Texas and Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (see attached), along with consideration of the health and safety of all court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and the public, the County Court at Law will continue to operate its Court in the following manner until further Order from the Court:

1. The Court is requiring that a Certificate of Conference be attached to every e-filed document as proof that the attorneys and/or parties have attempted to communicate with opposing counsel and/or party prior to requesting a setting. Opposing counsel and/or party has twenty four (24) hours to respond to the request to confer.
2. All essential hearings, including, but not limited to, Protective Orders, Temporary Restraining Orders, CPS 14 day Full Adversary proceedings; Juvenile Detention; Contempt; Enforcement; Writs of Habeas Corpus and Pleas/Agreed Revocations, shall continue to be heard as usual at this time.
3. Detailed instructions will be included on each daily docket that will include how to proceed with appearances at criminal docket calls.
4. All non-contested hearings, including but not limited to, Prove Up hearings, Default Final hearings and No Evidence Summary Judgements, shall be proved up by sworn affidavit presented to the Court via e-file.

Please bear with us all as I continue to follow all Orders that are handed down from the Supreme Court of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas (SEE attached) and follow recommendations from the Office of Court Administration. You will be notified of any changes this Court has to make in order to protect everyone, yet keep the Court operating.

Please follow all advice of the CDC and local health authority to keep yourself, your family and our community as a whole protected and healthy.

The Court orders that this letter is posted at the Navarro County Courthouse, the Navarro County website and sent via e-mail to the Court's daily docket list.

Sincerely,

Amanda D. Putman
Judge, Navarro County Court at Law

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 20-9042

IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 20-007

FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER

ORDERED that:

1. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. This order is issued pursuant to Section 22.0035(b) of the Texas Government Code.

2. Subject only to constitutional limitations, all courts in Texas may in any case, civil or criminal—and must to avoid risk to court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors, and the public—without a participant’s consent:

a. Modify or suspend any and all deadlines and procedures, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, for a stated period ending no later than 30 days after the Governor’s state of disaster has been lifted;

b. Allow or require anyone involved in any hearing, deposition, or other proceeding of any kind—including but not limited to a party, attorney, witness, or court reporter, but not including a juror—to participate remotely, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means;

c. Consider as evidence sworn statements made out of court or sworn testimony given remotely, out of court, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means;

d. Conduct proceedings away from the court's usual location, but in the county of venue, and only with reasonable notice and access to the participants and the public;

e. Require every participant in a proceeding to alert the court if the participant has, or knows of another participant who has, COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, or a fever, cough or sneezing;

f. Take any other reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19.

3. All courts in Texas may extend the statute of limitations in any civil case for a stated period ending no later than 30 days after the Governor's state of disaster has been lifted.

4. This Order is effective as of March 13, 2020, and expires May 8, 2020, unless extended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

5. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:

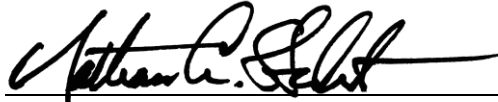
a. post a copy of this Order on www.txcourts.gov;

b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and

c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.

6. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

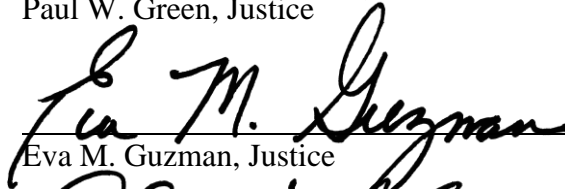
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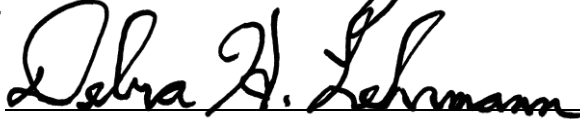
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



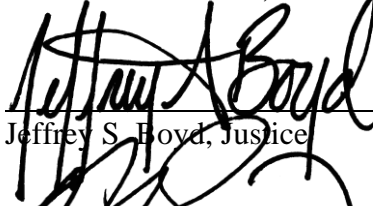
Paul W. Green, Justice



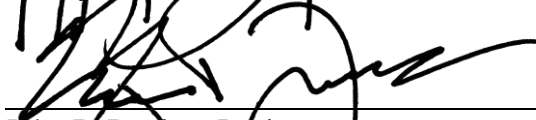
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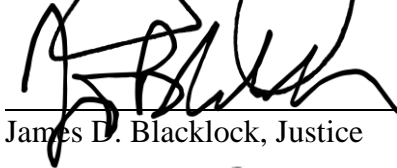
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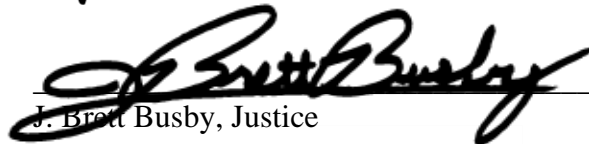
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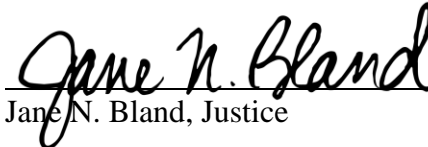
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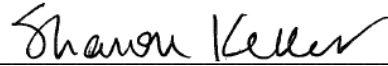
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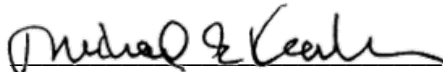
J. Brett Busby, Justice



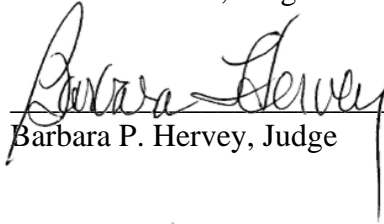
Jane N. Bland, Justice



Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge

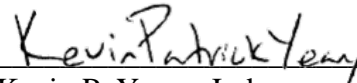


Michael Keasler, Judge

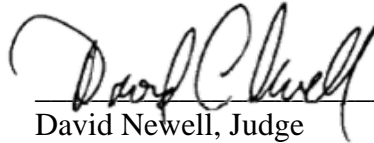


Barbara P. Hervey, Judge

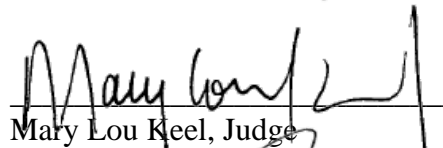
Bert Richardson, Judge



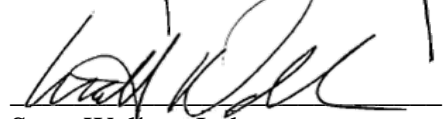
Kevin P. Yeary, Judge



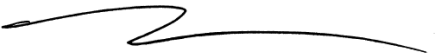
David Newell, Judge



Mary Lou Keel, Judge



Scott Walker, Judge



Michelle M. Slaughter, Judge