

**COUNTY COURT AT LAW
LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS
STANDING ORDER FOR REMOTE HEARINGS
January 11, 2021**

Effective January 11, 2021, the Texas Supreme Court and the Office of Court Administration have suspended all in-person hearings in civil matters (including family law cases) and require these hearings be held remotely (i.e. by ZOOM). As such, the County Court at Law of Lamar County, Texas (hereinafter "the CCL") will conduct hearings in civil matters (including family law cases) remotely subject to the following restrictions and limitations.

PROCEDURE FOR LITIGANTS:

Effective January 11, 2021, the CCL will use ZOOM video conferencing for all hearings in all civil matters (including family law cases) except in those extraordinary cases where in-person hearings are allowed. See the attached *Re-Certification of In-Person Operating Plans* dated January 4, 2021, signed by Judge Will Biard, which provides for in-person hearings in Lamar County under very limited circumstances.

If any party intends to offer any exhibits during a ZOOM hearing that party ***shall*** email the pre-marked exhibits to all parties and the court reporter by 11:00am on the business day prior to the hearing. The subject line of the email ***shall*** contain the style of the case (including the cause number) followed by "Petitioner's Exhibits", "Respondent's Exhibits", etc... as applicable. The documentary exhibits ***shall*** be in PDF or Word format. Audio files ***shall*** be in MP3 or WAV format. Video files ***shall*** be in AVI, MOV or MP4 format. The Court ***WILL NOT*** consider any exhibits that are not or untimely emailed to the court reporter and all opposing parties or that are in an incorrect format. If you do not follow these requirements, the court reporter ***WILL NOT*** maintain these documents in the record and your exhibits ***WILL NOT*** be admitted into evidence.

FOR THE PUBLIC:

The Open Courts provision of Texas law allows all Texans access to court proceedings. Anyone may contact the court reporter to get access codes to hearings. If you are viewing you must mute your connection to prevent disruption to the proceedings.

THE VIDEO OR AUDIO RECORDING OF ANY COURT PROCEEDING BY ANY PERSON OTHER THAN THE COURT REPORTER IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND IS PUNISHABLE BY CONTEMPT.

If you are hearing or vision impaired and need access to the court hearing, please contact the court.

SIGNED ON January 5, 2021.



Hon. Bill Harris
Judge Presiding

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