Justice of the Peace, Precinct One Angelina County, Texas

Modified Civil Court Operations Due to COVID 19

<u>Civil Cases in Justice Court, Precinct One, Angelina County, Texas</u>

MODIFYING OR SUSPENDING DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES Updated: 01/01/2022

45th Emergency Order - Effective November 22, expires February 1, 2022 and March 1, 2022. Renewal of the 43rd Emergency Order, allowing modification of procedures and deadlines **only for trials and pretrial hearings** through March 1, 2022; providing guidance on remote and in-person proceedings. See the sections on guidance for in-person and remote hearings for more information, including OCA best practices. (<u>Read the 45th Emergency Order here.</u>)

All Proceedings will be heard via ZOOM (remote hearings/trials).

No jury trials will be held until further notice.

Effective June 1, 2020, eviction cases have resumed. Evictions may be filed, served, and heard.

PRESENTING EVIDENCE IN CIVIL CASES (Other than Evictions)

Hearings will be set at least 30 days from the time the notice is mailed out. This is to allow time for both parties to present ALL evidence that will be presented to the Court, to the opposing party as well. This should be done by email, fax, or mail. All evidence should be presented to the Court and the opposing party no later than 14 days prior to the hearing. Failure to provide all evidence to the Court and the opposing party will result in a reset of the hearing or denial of admittance of the evidence. Both parties shall provide an acknowledgment to the Court and the opposing party that they received the evidence. If you are providing photographs as part of your evidence, they must be in color and mailed to the Court and mailed or emailed to the opposing party. Faxed or emailed copies of photographs will not be accepted by the Court.

PRESENTING EVIDENCE IN EVICTION CASES

All parties must present ALL evidence to the Court and the opposing party. This should be done by email, fax, or mail. All evidence should be presented to the Court **and the opposing party** no later than **5 days prior** to the hearing. **Failure to provide all**

evidence to the Court and the opposing party will result in a reset of the hearing or denial of admittance of the evidence. Both parties shall provide an acknowledgment to the Court and the opposing party that they received the evidence. If you are providing photographs as part of your evidence, they must be in color and mailed to the Court and mailed or emailed to the opposing party. Faxed or emailed copies of photographs will not be accepted by the Court.

The Court has implemented ZOOM remote hearings. If you receive a hearing notice and are not capable of participating in a remote hearing, notify the Court immediately.

HELPFUL LINKS

Texas Law Help Coronavirus Resources - https://texaslawhelp.org/article/coronavirus-covid-19

Office of Court Administration Coronavirus Resources - https://www.txcourts.gov/court-coronavirus-information/