

**Justice of the Peace, Precinct One
Angelina County, Texas**

**Modified Civil Court Operations
Due to COVID 19**

Civil Cases in Justice Court, Precinct One, Angelina County, Texas

MODIFYING OR SUSPENDING DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

Updated: 07/31/2020

Other than Evictions, no In-Person Hearings/Trials will be set prior to September 30, 2020.

No jury trials will be held until further notice.

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

The postponement of statutes of limitations that fall/fell between March 13, 2020 to July 1, 2020 have been extended to August 15, 2020.

Answers to civil lawsuits that are/were due between March 13, 2020 to September 16, 2020 have been extended to September 30, 2020.

No Default Judgment, that has been served but not answered, will be issued before September 30, 2020 if the Defendant's Answer in the case fell/falls due between March 13, 2020 to September 16, 2020

The Court is currently working on the implementation of Remote Hearings, however at this time we are not currently set up to do so. Upon completion of the implementation of remote hearings, parties will be notified by mail of hearings at least 30 days in advance. It is imperative that the Court know whether or not parties have the capability to participate in a remote hearing. 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/>

Texas Apartment Association - <https://www.taa.org/resources/useful-resources-for-responding-to-covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

State Bar of Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Section's website: <https://texasadr.org/>.

Resources for CARES Act coverage of properties:

Anyone can access these online databases for CARES Act covered properties:

- The National Low Income Housing Coalition's database of covered multifamily properties: <https://www.nlihc.org/federal-moratoriums>
- The National Housing Preservation Database of multifamily properties with certain federal subsidies: <https://preservationdatabase.org>
- Fannie Mae: <https://www.knowyouroptions.com/rentersresourcefinder>
- Freddie Mac: <https://myhome.freddiemac.com/renting/lookup.html>
- Texas RioGrande Legal Aid/Texas Housers/BASTA Austin map: <https://TXCARESact.org>

Landlords/homeowners can also access the following:

- Call the FHA, VA, USDA, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac escalation number to inquire as to the status of their mortgage: <https://www.hmpadmin.com/portal/resources/advisors/escalation.jsp>.
- Look up if Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac own their mortgage at:
 - <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/ask-cfpb/how-can-i-tell-who-owns-my-mortgage-en-214/>
 - Fannie Mae: <https://www.knowyouroptions.com/loanlookup>
 - Freddie Mac: <https://ww3.freddiemac.com/loanlookup/>