March 20th, 2020

21st and 335th Judicial District Court, State of Texas Bastrop, Burleson, Lee and Washington Counties

COURT PROCEEDINGS PER THIRD EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS AND THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

ORDER OF THE COURT

- The 21st District Court's Order of March 15th, 2020 and the 335th Court's Order concerning procedures per First Emergency Order of the Supreme Court of Texas and Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas are cancelled and replaced by this Order.
- 2. These procedures are effective immediately and will continue until Midnight May 8th, 2020 unless extended, modified or cancelled by Court Order.
- 3. All Jury Trials are cancelled through May 8th, 2020.
- 4. All previously scheduled in-person hearings and public dockets are cancelled through May 8^{th} , 2020.
- 5. The Court will not conduct non-essential hearings in-person through May 8th, 2020.
- 6. <u>Subject to constitutional limitations</u>, the Court will allow anyone involved in a hearing to appear by telephone; this includes a party, attorney, witness, court reporter, court staff, clerk, witnesses and probation officer. It does not include law enforcement necessary for court security.
- 7. **For essential in-person hearings** please contact the Judge to arrange a time and place for a public, in-person hearing.

Prior to the Hearing:

a. Deliver to the Judge a paper pleading of the matter to be heard;

b. If a witness does not attend the in-person hearing, deliver to the Judge a sworn to written paper of the Statement of Facts for each Witness, the witness statement may be self-affirmed;

c. Deliver to the Judge, Exhibits that are to be offered if they

will not be delivered to the Judge at the hearing.

d. If attorney does not attend the in-person hearing, deliver to the Judge a written brief of the legal argument.

Be advised:

a. The official record of the proceedings will be the Judge's written notes, if not recorded by a Court Reporter.

b. The Court will allow the attorneys to deliver to the Judge a paper of their notes of what was said at the hearing, if not recorded by a Court Reporter.

- 8. For hearings that do not require in-person hearings, please contact the Judge to arrange the time for the hearing.
 - a. The hearing will be conducted by telephone conference call.

b. The Judge will be in a place the public may access.

c. The Judge will be in the county of venue for the hearing.

Prior to the Hearing:

- a. Deliver to the Judge a paper pleading of the matter to be heard;
- b. Deliver to the Judge a sworn to written paper of the Statement of Facts for each Witness, the witness statement may be self-affirmed;
- c. Deliver to the Judge Exhibits that are to be offered.
- d. Deliver to the Judge a written brief of the legal argument. Be advised:
- a. The official record of the proceedings will be the Judge's written notes, if not recorded by a court reporter.
- b. The Court will allow the attorneys to deliver to the Judge a paper of their notes of what was said at the hearing, if not recorded by a court reporter.
- c. The Attorney requesting the hearing is responsible to arrange for the telephone conference for the hearing.
- 9. <u>Family Law Possession Orders</u>: All possession orders shall continue to be subject to the applicable, previously published school calendar.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this the 20th day of March 2020.

CARSON CAMPBELL, Judge

21st Judicial District Court

REVA TOWSLEE CORBETT, Judge 335th Judicial District Court