

240th District Court

BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2020:

Recognizing the need to ensure the health and safety of litigants, attorneys, court staff, judges, and other individuals entering the 240th courtroom, we will implement the following protective measures:

DEFENDANTS:

- **DO NOT ENTER THE COURTROOM**

Please have a seat on the benches outside the courtroom and you will be called when to enter for your case.

ONLY the defendant may enter courtroom when called.

- If you do not have an attorney or he/she is not present, the bailiff will call your name when to enter the courtroom.

ATTORNEYS:

- Please do not enter courtroom with your client
- Please confer with your client outside of the courtroom and foyer if they are present.
- ATTORNEYS ONLY may enter the courtroom and have a seat behind the bar in the gallery. You will be called up one at a time to approach the prosecutor and/or Judge on your client's case and/or to reset with the coordinator.
- Please do not approach the prosecutors, court reporter, coordinator, clerk, or probation officer until called by the court to do so.

INMATES:

- Only inmates that have a plea arranged in advance with the court will be brought over from the jail.*There is a MAX capacity of 5 inmates per docket that can be brought over.*
- Please notify the court by email if you need your client brought over for a plea a week prior to the scheduled docket.

This is to ensure that social distancing and safety of all is being observed while in the courtroom.

FACE COVERINGS ARE NOT REQUIRED, BUT RECOMMENDED

NOTICE OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS

Due to COVID-19 many of you are part of the vulnerable population. Individuals who are over 65 and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy are considered to be vulnerable populations. If you are part of this vulnerable population please contact the court at

240dc@fortbendcountytexas.gov or by phone at 281-341-8600 to advise the court regarding your need for special accommodations and a specialized docket to ensure your continued safety.

Honorable Frank J. Fraley, Judge

Judge Frank J Fraley graduated from the University of South Florida with a BS in Medical

Technology in 1976 and from Thurgood Marshall School of Law with a JD in 1990. Since that time, he has worked as a Supervisor Medical Technologist at the VAMC in Houston, Texas and had a general trial practice in Fort Bend and surrounding counties since 1991. Judge Fraley has practiced in the areas of criminal defense, personal injury, bankruptcy, family law and probate law. Since 2002 Judge Fraley primarily focused on personal injury and criminal defense.



Judge Fraley is married with three sons and three grandchildren. He and his wife faithfully participate in their church's Touchpoint Ministry and board of directors. Judge Fraley is an active participant in Career Day School Activities in Fort Bend and surrounding counties.

"My goal is to give everyone a fair trial. I will read your petitions, motions and briefs. I will listen to your arguments and make a ruling based on my interpretation of the law. I will assist you in getting your disputed facts decided by a judge or jury."

240th Judicial District Court

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Courtroom: 3E

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