

County Court at Law 4

Honorable Toni M. Wallace, Judge

Important Notice

RESCHEDULING COURT DATES DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**Effective April 23, 2020**

In compliance with the local, state, and federal response to the coronavirus COVID-19; and in consideration of protecting the health of our community,

ALL DOCKETS (CIVIL /CRIMINAL/PROBATE/JUVENILE) IN THE COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 4 ARE HEREBY CANCELED UNTIL JUNE 1, 2020, with the following exceptions:

ESSENTIAL PROCEEDINGS:

- Criminal Magistration Proceedings
- Juvenile Detention Hearings
- Certain Mental Health Proceedings
- Temporary Restraining Orders/ Temporary Injunctions (as needed)
- Jail Disposition Proceedings

A limited number of participants will be permitted in the courtroom for these essential proceedings. Any court participants will be screened in accordance with CDC Guidelines. If you are feeling sick, do not come to the courthouse. Instead, contact the Court Coordinator to receive further instructions. Remote participation is encouraged and permitted for all proceedings.

All other proceedings may be characterized as “Non-Essential” proceedings. The Court will handle non-essential proceedings at its discretion. All non-essential proceedings will be held remotely via video conference. You may view a live stream of these proceedings on the Court’s [YouTube channel](#). Per guidance from the Office of Court Administration, this channel adheres to the open courts provision of the Texas Constitution.

NOTICE OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS

Due to COVID-19 many individuals are considered “at-risk” members of the vulnerable population. These members include, but are not limited to 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. If you believe you are a member of this vulnerable population please contact the court coordinator Jenica Salazar via email at Jenica.Salazar@fortbendcountytexas.gov or call 281-238-1995 – *provide your full name, cause number and contact information* – to advise the court regarding your need for special accommodations and a specialized docket to ensure your continued safety.

*****PLEASE DO NOT APPEAR AT THE COURTHOUSE*******CRIMINAL CASES: Resets are Required for all Misdemeanor Cases**

- Defense Attorney is to obtain a Reset from the Court Coordinator, Jenica Salazar at Jenica.Salazar@fortbendcountytexas.gov, and return the Reset with Defendant’s signature via e-mail.

- The Court will allow Defendant's Attorney to sign the Reset on the Defendant's behalf, with the Defendant's permission.
- If Defendant is not represented by an Attorney, he/she must contact the Court Coordinator preferably by e-mail; or by telephone at 281-238-1995 to request a Reset form. If you leave a voice mail message, state your name, cause number, and the best phone number for a return call.
- Defendant, it is your responsibility to stay in contact with your Bondsman and your Attorney.
- Defense Attorney, it is also your responsibility to stay in contact with your client.
- Arrest warrants for missing court dates will not be issued during this time. HOWEVER, all Resets must be completed and received by the Coordinator **no later than Friday, May 22, 2020**

JUVENILE CASES:

- Cases set on the Juvenile Status or Disposition Docket will be reset by Juvenile Probation Court Officer Lavelle Conley – phone: 281-633-7307 email: Lavelle.Conley@fortbendcountytx.gov
- Appearances/Hearings via telephone or video conferencing are available.

CIVIL CASES/PROBATE CASES

- Civil hearings and trials will be reset. Probate matters will be reset by the Probate Auditor, Kathy Edwards. She can be contacted via email: Kathy.Edwards@fortbendcountytx.gov
- If an attorney believes a matter is an emergency or needs to conduct a hearing that cannot be postponed, please contact the Court Coordinator. The Court will assess each matter on a case by case basis.
- Appearances/Hearings via telephone or video conferencing are available.

The Court requests the public's patience and understanding during this time. We are committed to following the guidelines established by the CDC and the Supreme Court of Texas.

- Please look to Court 4's website for further details and information. The cancellation of dockets may be extended.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Court Coordinator, and please have patience as she works to answer your questions.

The **Honorable Toni M. Wallace** is a proud resident of Fort Bend County for more than 30 years. I was educated in Fort Bend County schools. I moved back to Fort Bend County shortly after I completed my studies at the University of Texas in Austin. After earning my JD from South Texas College of Law, I have been a practicing attorney for 13 years. My tenure as an attorney began in civil litigation and eventually led to the Fort Bend County District Attorney's Office. I served as an Assistant District Attorney for 4 years before my unanimous appointment by the County Commissioners to serve a one-year term as the inaugural judge for a County Court at Law in Fort Bend County.



My entire career as an attorney has been rewarding and challenging from a personal and professional perspective. Simply put, I love the law. The opportunity to serve others by using the law has been my esteemed privilege. My service to the Fort Bend community began many years ago. I want to continue to serve Fort Bend County.

The Honorable Toni M. Wallace was elected as Judge of County Court at Law No. 4, in January 2018, and in January 2019, was selected by her peers to serve as Administrative Judge over all the County Courts at Law.

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