

County Court at Law 5

COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 5
IMPORTANT NOTICE (updated 5-29-20)
REOPENING

ATTENTION: Effective immediately and until further notice, all persons entering the Courtroom must wear a Mask or Face Covering.

In compliance with the local, state, and federal response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in consideration of protecting the health of our community, County Court at Law No. 5 will operate under the following procedures beginning Monday, June 1, 2020.

CRIMINAL CASES: Resets are Required for all Cases

RESET PROCEDURE

- Beginning Monday, June 1, 2020, and until further notice, Attorneys may continue to reset their client's cases via electronic communication.
- Defense Attorney is to obtain a Reset from the Court Coordinator, Jackie Kermode via email: Jackie.Kermode@fortbendcountytexas.gov, and return the Reset with Defendant's signature.
- The Court will allow Defendant's Attorney to sign the Reset on the Defendant's behalf, with the Defendant's permission.
- Defense Attorneys may request a Reset no earlier than the Thursday before the scheduled court date of the following week.
- If Defendant is not represented by an Attorney, he/she must appear in person on the scheduled court date.

CRIMINAL PLEAS

- Attorneys and their clients have the option to appear in Court on any of the following days of the week they are scheduled to Reset, Plea, and/or Dispose of their case(s):

Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.; or

Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.; or

Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

- All efforts should be made to have paperwork completed electronically at least 48 hours before a Plea is taken in Court.

JUVENILE:

Cases on the Juvenile Status or Disposition Docket will be scheduled by Juvenile Probation Officer Gregory Taylor; 281-633-7335; Gregory.Taylor@fortbendcountytexas.gov.

CIVIL:

Motions, Pre-Trial Conferences, and other matters may be handled via remote video conference. Please contact the Court Coordinator at the e-mail address above.

PROBATE:

Probate hearings will be handled via remote video conference. Please contact the Probate Auditor, Meera Mahadevan via e-mail: Meera.Mahadevan@fortbendcountytexas.gov.

REMOTE | VIDEOCONFERENCE:

Emergency or essential hearings will continue to be held remotely via videoconference. You may view a live stream of these hearings at: [YouTube](#). 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 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 population.

If you are part of this vulnerable population, please contact the Court's Admin Clerk, Celeste Lopez at: 281-238-3270 or via email to the Court Coordinator at: Jackie.Kermode@fortbendcountytexas.gov to advise the court regarding your need for special accommodations and a specialized docket to ensure your continued safety.

Honorable Teana V. Watson

Teana Watson was elected Judge of County Court at Law #5 in 2018. Judge Watson brings to the bench a wealth of thirty years legal experience, having served as former Chief Juvenile Prosecutor for Fort Bend County, former municipal judge for the City of Stafford, and an Assistant District Attorney for Fort Bend County. Prior to being elected to CCL5, Watson was the principal attorney of TV Watson Law PLLC, a full service law firm. Since being elected judge, she presides over the Fort Bend County misdemeanor drug court program. This program allows misdemeanor drug offenders an opportunity to get their cases dismissed and expunged. Additionally, Judge Watson is a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and currently is a member of the Fort Bend County Bail Bonds Board. Judge Watson is a native Houstonian, graduate of Fisk University (B.A.) and Syracuse College of Law (J.D.) Judge Watson has resided in the Fort Bend County community for over 28 years.



Office Address

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Richmond, TX. 77469

Mailing Address

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301 Jackson Street
Richmond, TX. 77469

Main Telephone Line: 281-238-3270

Fax: 832-471-1848

Hours: Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - Noon, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

For a complete listing of staff for the Fort Bend County Court at Law No. 5, please click [here](#).

ATTENTION Court Appointed Attorneys – effective immediately:

The Court Court at Law Judges approved the use of a new electronic Attorney Fee/Expense Claim Form, located at: [Court Appointed Attorney's link](#) for the submission of court-ordered attorney fees and expenses for misdemeanor cases.