

Important Notice

EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2021

RE: CRIMINAL DOCKETS

In compliance with the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidance regarding Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events, the Supreme Court of Texas First Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State Disaster issued on January 14, 2021, and out of a concern for public health, safety, and wellbeing, the **458th District Court will be holding limited in-person dockets.**

Unless you are approaching the judge or have a plea agreement, all criminal cases will need to be reset in accordance with the **458th District Court's Rules of Practice and Procedures**. To ensure the health and safety of court staff and the public, the Court has adopted the following procedures:

- **EFFECTIVE March 15, 2021, ALL RESETS SHALL BE E-FILED WITH THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE WITH NOTICE GIVEN TO THE FORT BEND COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.**
- **[Click this link to download the reset.](#) NOTE: This RESET is ONLY for cases set in the presiding Judge Robert Roinick's docket, our associate court has a different RESET. Please download to your P.C. before entering the required information. A reset date will be entered by the court coordinator and you will be informed of your client's new reset date through Odyssey.**
- **Electronic resets are being accepted on all pending cases with scheduled court appearances. All resets must be submitted by 9:00 am the day of, but no more than 3 days prior to docket call. It is the attorney's responsibility to get their client's signature. All cases not timely submitted will be subject to bond forfeiture.**
- No inmates are being brought over from the jail unless deemed essential by the court. If you have an inmate on the court's docket, please email the Court Coordinator Gabriela.Romero@fortbendcountytexas.gov
- Prosecutors will be on "stand-by" during normal court hours for any pleas or essential matters that need to be handled in person or via Video Conference. Please contact the District Attorney's Office at 281-341-4460 to have any pleas worked out before court and to notify them of any essential hearings. Defendants will appear in person. Paperwork must be e-filed 48 hours in advance and notice given to the Court Coordinator and Prosecutors.
- **IN PERSON hearings may be conducted if all parties and witness(es) (if any) agree and safety methods are adhere to, i.e. face covering worn over the nose and mouth and social distancing protocols observed.**

NOTICE OF ACCOMODATIONS 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 system are compromised. If you believe you are a member of this vulnerable population, please contact the Court Coordinator, Gabriela Romero, via email at Gabriela.Romero@fortbendcountytexas.gov and 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.

Honorable Robert Rolnick, Presiding