

DISTRICT COURTS DOCKET SCHEDULES

Effective immediately, an updated hours of operation and court room usage/availability. The following hours of operation apply to the Criminal Justice Center, (1201 Franklin), Juvenile Justice Center (1200 Congress) and Civil Courthouse (201 Caroline).

HOURS OF OPERATION: MONDAY – THURSDAY; 7AM – 6PM

FRIDAY-SUNDAY: CLOSED

Overview

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while protecting due process rights, the Harris County District Courts will reduce operations to a limited number of courtrooms on the schedules below.

District Criminal Courts

Criminal operations with defendants in jail will be held in the CJC on 14th or 15th floor. Judges and their respective staffs will rotate coverage for jail dockets scheduled Monday through Thursday. These operating procedures will continue until further notice.

Responsive Interventions for Change (RIC), Mental Health and STAR dockets will share one courtroom on a rotating basis.

The District Courts will otherwise suspend dockets for accused individuals on bond until further notice, or until the state of emergency is lifted.

To limit the number of people in the courtrooms, the court will contact the pretrial services officer, court liaison officer, court reporter and Spanish-speaking interpreter when needed.

Judges and coordinators, working remotely or from their offices, will review bond cases to apply conditions as needed for defendants released from custody.

Proposed Staffing

Each courtroom should have AT MOST one judge, one coordinator, one clerk, two bailiffs, one assistant district attorney (remotely) and one public defender or defense attorney (remotely on request). Court appointed defense attorneys will be on call and notified in advanced when needed. A third bailiff will be needed if an adjacent courtroom's holdover is used.

Remote Appearance of Parties

Remote appearance is available upon request subject to approval by the judge in each court.

To request remote appearance by conference call or video, attorneys should contact the coordinator of the court in which the case is set. Contact information is attached below.

A telephone will be provided in each courtroom to facilitate confidential attorney/client remote consultation.

JAIL DOCKET SCHEDULE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

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Court	Judge	Courtroom Location	Contact Number	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
185th	Judge Jason Luong	14-1	832-927-3925		X	X	X
351st	Judge George Powell*	14-1	832-927-8106	X	X	X	X
178th	Judge Kelli Johnson	14-1	832-927-8124	X	X	X	X
IA/9998	Felony Impact Docket	14-1	832-927-8180	X		X	
263rd	Judge Amy Martin	14-2	832-927-8136	X	X	X	X
184th	Judge Abigail Anastasio	14-2	832-927-3900	X	X	X	X
339th	Judge Jesse F. McClure III	14-2	832-927-3651	X	X	X	X
177th	Judge Robert Johnson	14-3	832-927-8142	X	X	X	X
248th	Judge Hilary Unger	14-3	832-927-8112	X	X	X	X
230th	Judge Chris Morton	14-3	832-927-3825	X	X	X	X
176th	Judge Nikita V. Harmon	14-4	832-927-8130			X	
232nd	Judge Josh Hill	14-4	832-927-8130				X
338th	Judge Ramona Franklin	14-4	832-927-8130		X		
209th	Judge Brian Warren	14-4	832-927-8130	X			
208th	Judge Greg Glass	15-1	832-927-8160	X	X	X	X
180th	Judge DaSean Jones	15-1	832-927-8160	X	X	X	X
182nd	Judge Danilo Lacayo	15-1	832-927-8106	X	X	X	X
183rd	Judge Chuck Silverman	15-2	832-927-4175	X	X	X	X
337th	Judge Herb Ritchie	15-2	832-927-8148	X	X	X	X
174th	Judge Hazel B. Jones	15-2	832-927-4208	X	X	X	X
179th	Judge Randy Roll	15-3	832-927-4100	X	X	X	X
262nd	Judge Lori Chambers Gray	15-3	832-927-8154	X	X	X	X
228th	Judge Frank Aguilar	15-3	832-927-3975	X	X	X	X
RIC/9996	Judge Brock Thomas (JAIL)	15-4	832-927-4300	X		X	X
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Juvenile Courts

One Juvenile Courtroom 314th District Court, 5th floor will operate each day in the Juvenile Justice Center. The Detention Hearing Courtroom will operate each day within the Juvenile Justice Center on the 1st floor with public viewing by video will be permitted in the Juvenile Probation Training Room on the 1st Floor, Juvenile Justice Center.

The 314th is the only courtroom open to attorneys and public.

Detention pleas are still set every Thursday in the 314th with a rotating judge.

A judge can hear any cases (Juvenile matters, CPS and adoptions included) on their designated day in the 314th.

Cases already set and served for the week of March 23 can be heard in the Detention Court in the afternoon or in the 314th if not occupied by the rotating judge.

314th can use the 314th courtroom on Monday

315th can use the 314th court room on Tuesday

313th can use the 314th court room on Wednesday

Family Courts

Courtroom Locations in the Civil Courthouse: 310th District Court - 15th Floor & 312th District Court - 16th Floor. Courtroom location in the 280th District Court Juvenile Justice Center 7th Floor for Family Violence

There are no dockets scheduled except when emergency matters come in.

Essential Court Matters include:

- Suits brought under Texas Family Code Title 4 (protective orders and family violence);
- Suits brought under TFC Chapter 157, Subchapter H (habeas corpus and writs of attachment for children);
- Suits filed by a governmental entity under TFC Title 5 (CPS cases);
- Suits brought under TFC Chapter 33 (Judicial bypass);
- Enforcements under TFC Chapter 157 if a respondent is in custody;
- Other suits or hearings with jurisdictional deadlines; and
- Other matters that may be designated by the Court at its discretion.

Civil Courts

Courtroom Locations in the Civil Courthouse: 80th District Court - 9th Floor, 129th District Court -- 10th Floor, 152nd District Court --11th Floor, 165th District Court --12th Floor, 215th District Court --13th Floor, & 333rd District Court --14th Floor.

Submission Dockets will proceed as scheduled.

Telephonic and Video Hearings will proceed as scheduled.

All previously set, non-essential in-person, oral (non-telephonic) hearings and dockets are cancelled.

Please contact the Court to reschedule your oral hearing for a later date or alternative method, unless the Court has already contacted you.

Courts will consider conducting an oral (non-telephonic) hearing if: (1) all parties agree that such a hearing is necessary; (2) the parties file an agreed motion requesting an oral hearing; and (3) the motion sets forth a compelling reason supporting the request and explaining why no other means is adequate to resolve the issue for which the parties seek an oral hearing.

All Essential Court Matters (temporary restraining orders, temporary injunctions, Chapter 33 and Chapter 81) will proceed as scheduled. Contact the specific Court regarding the details of when and

where the hearing will proceed. If a party believes their hearing needs to be classified as an Essential Matter, please contact the specific Court.
All tax court proceedings are cancelled.