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Harris County Criminal District Courts
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VIA EMAIL

To the Honorable Judges of Harris County Criminal Courts:

RE: Criminal Court Reopening Amid COVID-19

In an effort to provide solutions to this unprecedented Pandemic, we wanted to draw your attention to the June 2020 Statement of Principles and Report by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) entitled *Criminal Court Reopening and Public Health in the COVID-19 Era*.

<https://nacdl.org/Document/CriminalCourtReopeningAndCOVID-19>.

Please let this letter suffice as HCCLA's formal adoption of this report. We urge you to take the time to read the core principles for reopening criminal courts which specifically affect us all.

Thank you for your attention and time. Please feel free to contact me any time to discuss how we can move forward while keeping the safety of all of us as the utmost of importance.

Respectfully,

Mark Thiessen

President

Harris County Criminal Lawyers

cc: Harris County Judge and Commissioners
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