

In re: Court Operations During
COVID-19 Emergency

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In Probate Courts
No. 1 and No. 2
Tarrant County, Texas

Order

The Courts enter this order regarding court operations in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

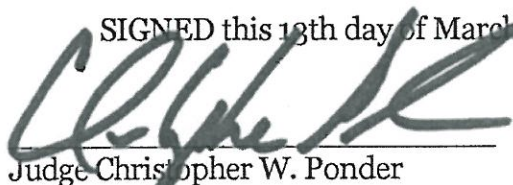
In an effort to comply with the recommendations of the Office of Court Administration, and the disaster declarations by County Judge Glen Whitley and Governor Greg Abbott, the Courts find that all non-essential proceedings should be cancelled until April 1, 2020. Essential proceedings include mental health commitment cases, temporary restraining orders, temporary guardianships, temporary administrations, and emergency protective orders. Requests for scheduling essential proceedings should be made in the same manner as before this order.

Nothing in this order should be interpreted as an extension of deadlines established by statute, rule, or order of this court. Further, this order does not relieve any party from the requirement to file a request for retention or transfer for the Probate Court No. 2 dismissal docket set for 1:30 p.m. on March 20, 2020. The Courts will continue to review items filed on submission.

The Courts will work on the development of video conference capabilities to afford relief from the effect of this order. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Probate Courts of Tarrant County, Texas, will not conduct any non-essential proceedings until April 1, 2020.

SIGNED this 13th day of March, 2020.



Judge Christopher W. Ponder
Probate Court No. 1



Judge Brooke Allen
Probate Court No. 2