



ALEX KIM
DISTRICT JUDGE
323RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE FROM THE 323RD DISTRICT COURT of
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
RELATED TO COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

March 13, 2020

In consideration of the public health of our community from COVID-19, the 323rd District Court will not conduct any Jury Trials and will be resetting most dockets for the remainder of March of 2020. While there is a desire to quickly and efficiently provide trials to every litigant in the 323rd, the Court realizes that being called to jury duty is not voluntary and serving on a jury or jury panel is compulsory.

While each and every citizen has the choice to attend public gatherings or remain self-secluded, being called to jury service or serving on a jury is not a choice any individual is free to make. Therefore, this Court hesitates to compel any individual citizen of Tarrant County to expose themselves to a pandemic that they do not wish to do so voluntarily.

In regards to the Juvenile Dockets, we will reset most March settings to May, except for exceptional circumstances (e.g. they are to proceed for actual adjudication/disposition, have statutory deadlines, or are in detention). However, if there are health risks or concerns, please do not dither in communicating these with the Court.

The Child Welfare dockets will remain unchanged, subject to any changes initiated by the Board of District Judges.

The Court will consider the public health situation later this month to make a determination regarding Jury Trials and docketing for the month of April.

Please use prudence and discretion in your interaction with the public and do not hesitate to reach out to the 323rd for any assistance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Kim".

Alex Kim
Judge, 323rd District Court