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## In the County Courts at Law of Hays County, Texas

## **Hays County General Standing Order in Eviction Appeals**

THIS HAYS COUNTY COURTS AT LAW STANDING ORDER REGARDING NOTICE, AND PRE-MARKING AND EXCHANGE OF EXHIBITS IN EVICTION APPEALS IS BINDING ON THE PARTIES, THE PARTIES' OFFICERS, AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEYS, AND ANY OTHER PERSON WHO ACTS IN CONCERT OR PARTICIPATION WITH THE PARTIES OR THEIR AGENTS AND WHO RECEIVES ACTUAL NOTICE OF THESE ORDERS AND IS ENFORCEABLE BY CONTEMPT.

No party to a lawsuit has requested this order. Rather, this order is a standing order of the Hays County Courts at Law that applies in every eviction appeal filed in Hays County. The County Courts at Law of Hays County have adopted this order to ensure orderly and efficient eviction appeal proceedings pending before the Courts. Failure to comply with this Standing Order may result in the appropriate relief as determined by the Court. This Standing Order supersedes all prior Standing Orders on the same subject as this Standing Order.

## THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. While the County Clerk must send notice of eviction hearings set before the Courts, all parties must receive at least three (3) days' notice of the date, time, and place of their hearing as required under Texas Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 21(b). Otherwise, the Court cannot conduct the hearing due to lack of jurisdiction. Therefore, it is incumbent on the party requesting relief from the Court to confirm that the opposing party has received notice of the hearing. It is in the best interests of the party requesting relief to make reasonable efforts to ensure service of proper notice including, if necessary, personal service or requesting substituted service.
- 2. All parties must appear no less than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled hearing time to allow time for the pre-marking of exhibits with the court reporter.
- 3. At that time, parties must exchange copies of all exhibits they intend to offer into evidence during the hearing. Therefore, each party must be prepared to share a complete set of their exhibits with the opposing party.

THIS HAYS COUNTY STANDING ORDER REGARDING NOTICE, AND PREMARKING AND EXCHANGE OF EXHIBITS IN EVICTION APPEALS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ON PUBLICATION ON THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE.

SIGNED on June 182025

Judge Jimmy Alan Hall Local Administrative Judge County Courts at Law Hays County, Texas