

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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IN THE COUNTY COURT

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AT LAW NO. 1

IN RESONSE TO COVID-19

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BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

**Order Updating Changes in Court Proceedings
Regarding Probate, Guardianship,
and Civil Matters**

On this date, the Bell County Court at Law No. 1 finds that an administrative order was signed on April 9, 2020, updating temporary changes that were implemented in its court proceedings in response to COVID-19. The Court further finds that subsequent to the signing of that administrative order, additional orders have been issued by the Texas Supreme Court and the State of Texas that provide additional guidance to the public and the courts in response to COVID-19. The Court finds that in an effort to comply with these additional orders, the changes implemented on April 9, 2020, must be revised. The Court further finds that it is in the best interest of those involved that all probate, guardianship, and civil hearings should be held by video through LifeSize Cloud, in-person, or a combination of both, as each party decides. The Court will allow in-person appearance if video is not available, but the individuals must follow the Operating Plan for Bell County, Texas signed by Judge Gordon Adams on May 21, 2020 until further notice.

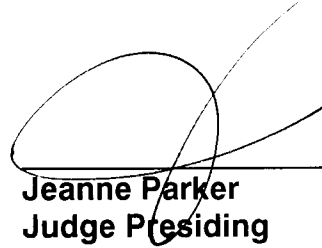
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Administrative Order signed April 9, 2020, is hereby superseded and replaced by this Administrative Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following changes to the court proceedings shall be implemented until further order of this Court.

1. Hearings for probate, guardianship and civil matters may be held by video via LifeSize Cloud, in-person, or a combination of both. It is up to each individual as to whether or not to appear in Court in-person or by live stream video if video is unavailable. In-person hearings must follow the Bell County Operating Plan signed by Judge Gordon Adams.

2. No jury trials shall be held prior to August 1, 2020, unless authorized by the 17th Emergency Order issued by the Texas Supreme Court, issued on May 26, 2020, and all parties consent.
3. Before contacting the Court, please visit the County Court at Law No.1 website for information, or email CCL1@bellcounty.texas.gov.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this the 8th day of June, 2020.



Jeanne Parker
Judge Presiding