

**Presiding State Statutory Probate Judge  
Administrative Order 2020-5**

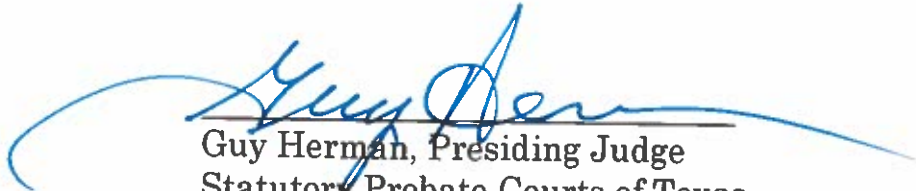
Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21(f) states that attorneys must file documents electronically in courts where electronic filing has been mandated. Rule 21(f) also provides exceptions as to which documents shall not be filed electronically. The exceptions provided in the rule do not include bonds. The undersigned finds that it is necessary to provide guidance that bonds may be filed electronically.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the undersigned Presiding Statutory Probate Judge by Government Code § 25.0022(c) – which allows the undersigned to perform acts necessary to improve the management of the statutory probate courts and the administration of justice – the undersigned finds there is a need for an administrative order clarifying that bonds can be filed electronically.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that a bond can be filed electronically with a clerk of a statutory probate court.

Costs, if any, for this filing are waived.

Signed April 10, 2020.

  
Guy Herman, Presiding Judge  
Statutory Probate Courts of Texas