

Administrative Order

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In the Probate Courts

of

Harris County, Texas


Administrative Order Prohibiting the Recording of Remote Court Proceedings

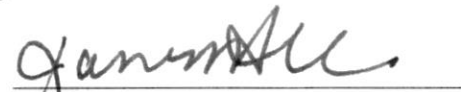
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, state and local Executive Orders, and the Emergency Orders of the Texas Supreme Court, the Probate Courts have implemented procedures for remote hearings requiring live broadcasts to the general public via services like YouTube to satisfy the Texas constitutional requirement for open courts.


The Courts find it essential that the only recording of any proceeding shall be that of the official Court Reporter. The Courts find that the recording of any court proceeding, whether in the courtroom or via remote access, without permission shall be strictly prohibited.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that it is strictly prohibited for any individual other than the official Court Reporter to record in any manner a Probate Court proceeding, whether in the courtroom or via remote access, and whether by active participants or public viewers. Any violation of this Order may result in a finding of contempt of court.

Signed this 24th day of March, 2020


Jerry W. Simoneaux, Jr. Judge,
Harris County Probate Court No. 1


Jason Cox, Judge
Harris County Probate Court No. 3


Michael Newman, Judge
Harris County Probate Court No. 2


James Horwitz, Judge
Harris County Probate Court No. 4