

**HOPKINS COUNTY COURT
HOPKINS COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW**
118 CHURCH STREET
SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX 75482

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TRACY SMITH
COUNTY CLERK



BY _____ DEPUTY

On their own motion, the Judges of the Hopkins County Court and Court-at-Law issue this standing order, which shall apply in all probate and guardianship cases:

Hopkins County Offices use the Texas Estate Code Book for Rules of the Court. The Estate Code can be found on the Texas Constitution and Statutes website, <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/>.

For all Probate & Guardianship matters, it is recommended that you seek the advice of an attorney.

I. ADMINISTRATIONS

TEXAS LAW REQUIRES REPRESENTATION BY ATTORNEY

Chapter 81 of the Texas Government Code requires that a licensed attorney represent the legal interests of any person serving as the administrator or as the executor of an Estate. The Judge of the Hopkins County Court or Court-at-Law cannot appoint a person as the administrator or the executor of an Estate unless that person is represented by a licensed attorney. All persons seeking to be appointed as the administrator or as the executor of an Estate must be represented by an attorney.

An individual who has retained counsel may open a probate or guardianship proceeding and thereafter discharge their attorney. If this occurs and the representative fails to comply with all the requirements of the Texas Probate Code, that individual will be required to once again employ legal counsel for subsequent hearings related to such non-compliance. It is recommended that a representative NOT discharge the originating or subsequent attorney until such time that the case is closed or all the business of the case has been completed.

II. ALL OTHER CASES

It is strongly recommended to have an attorney for any cases that do not require an administrator or executor.

Signed this 23rd day of June, 2021

Handwritten signature of Robert Newsom in blue ink.

Honorable Robert Newsom
Judge, County Court

Handwritten signature of Clay Harrison in blue ink.

Honorable Clay Harrison
Judge, County Court-at-Law