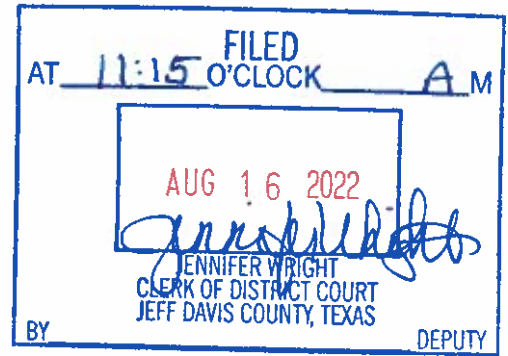




**394<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
The Honorable Roy Ferguson  
Judge Presiding**



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**STANDING ORDER REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO REMOTE PROCEEDINGS**

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Texas has authorized Texas courts to hold court proceedings remotely and outside the county of venue;

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Texas has authorized Texas Courts to allow or require anyone involved in any hearing, deposition, or other proceeding of any kind—including but not limited to the court, a party, attorney, witness, or court reporter, but not including a juror—to participate in court proceedings remotely, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means, except where prohibited by law;

WHEREAS Texas courts are required to provide reasonable notice and access to court proceedings to the participants, press, and public; and

WHEREAS the 394<sup>th</sup> District Court is committed to ensuring transparency of the justice system;

THEREFORE, the following is a STANDING ORDER of this Court:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

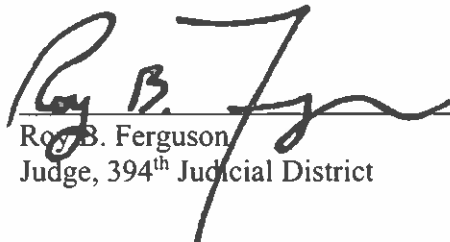
1. Remote court proceedings shall be conducted pursuant to this Court's Virtual Hearing Protocols.
2. Only participants in a court proceeding shall be admitted to the virtual courtroom except by express prior permission of the Court, which may be revoked at any time.

3. The public and press may view remote court proceedings either in the district courtroom in the county courthouse of venue, or on the Court's YouTube Live-Streaming Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/394thDistrictCourtTX/live>, or both, at the Court's discretion. Recording, capture, or download of these remote proceedings is prohibited, and may subject the violator to a finding of contempt and a sentence of up to \$500 and 180 days in jail.
4. The Court may in its discretion record video and audio of its remote court proceedings. Video and audio recordings of remote court proceedings are not public information and do not form a part of the official record or transcript of the case. Official transcripts of court proceedings may be obtained by contacting Verbatim Reporting & Transcription, LLC, at (281) 724-8600 or [kimberly@verbatimrt.com](mailto:kimberly@verbatimrt.com).

This Standing Order replaces this Court's Standing Order of April 13, 2020, and is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or replaced by this Court. This Standing Order is subject to modification or amendment by the undersigned at any time.

This Standing Order shall be posted on the Court's website at [www.Texas394th.com](http://www.Texas394th.com), and the District Clerk of each county within the 394<sup>th</sup> Judicial District is directed to file this Order in the administrative orders of the Court and post a file-marked copy of this Order as a Public Notice at the County Courthouse.

Signed the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

  
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Roy B. Ferguson  
Judge, 394<sup>th</sup> Judicial District