

STANDING ORDER SO-2020-0004

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER § **IN THE PROBATE**
 §
BONDS to be E-FILED § **OF**
 §
ORIGINAL MAILED WITHIN §
10 DAYS § **DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS**

E-Filing Bonds During the Pandemic
Denton County Probate Judge Administrative Order

1. The Court finds 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 original bonds, which are required to be filed by Administrators/Executors of Estates (Texas Estates Code (“TEC”) §305.101 and §305.109) and Guardians (TEC §1105.101 and §1105.110), hereinafter referred to as “Bonds”.

2. The Court finds Pursuant to the authority granted to Presiding Statutory Probate Judge, Guy Herman, by Texas Government Code §25.0022(c) and Orders entered by Judge Herman, the undersigned is authorized to perform acts necessary to improve the management of the Denton County Probate Court and to carry out the administration of justice.

3. The Court finds as a result of Governor Greg Abbott’s proclamation declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas due to COVID-19 and in cooperation with state and local governments to reduce the community spread of COVID-19, it is in the best interest of the public welfare and safety that a copy of an original Bond may be filed electronically.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a copy of the original Bond may be filed electronically with the Clerk of the Denton County Probate Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when a copy of the original Bond is e-filed with the clerk, an email is to be sent to the Probate Court Administrator providing notice that a copy of the original Bond has been e-filed in order that the Bond may be brought to the Judge’s attention for approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within ten business days after a copy of the original Bond is filed with the Denton County Probate Clerk, the original Bond must be mailed to the Denton County Probate Clerk for filing in the case. A compliance setting will be docketed 15 business days from the e-filing of the copy of the Bond for the original Bond to be filed with the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Standing Order shall remain in effect until further modified by this Court’s order.

Signed April 17, 2020.

 

Bonnie J. Robison
Presiding Judge
Denton County Probate Court