

Civil Appeals Research Guide

Overview

This research guide contains information and resources concerning civil appeals in Texas. Civil appeals can refer to a broad range of legal issues. This guide contains resources for civil cases and a few specifically family law cases. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

See also: Handouts for *Civil Captions, Appealing an Eviction, Steps in the Civil Litigation Process,*

Statutes & Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Civil Practice and Remedies Code (CPRC)

- Ch. 51 Appeals
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.51.htm>
- Ch. 52 Security for Judgments Pending Appeal
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.52.htm>

Texas Government Code

- Ch. 22 Appellate Courts
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.22.htm>

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure (TRCP)

<https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/rules-standards/>

Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure (TRAP)

<https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/rules-standards/>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Plus REF KFT 1728.A196 A2

- CPRC Subtitle D: Appeals, pp. 220-232.
- CPRC Ch. 51 Appeal generally
- GOVT Ch. 22 Appellate Courts

O'Connor's Texas Civil Appeals REF KFT 1755.03

O'Connor's Texas Civil Forms REF KFT 1735.A65 03

- Ch. 10 Postjudgment Motions

O'Connor's Texas Rules Civil Trials REF KFT 1729.A19 03

- Ch. 10 Postjudgment Motions

O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action Pleadings REF KFT 1735.A65 036

Cooper, Furness, & Marshall's Texas Rules of Civil Procedure Annotated REF KFT 1729.A315 A2

Dorsaneo's Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730.T4

- Unit 3 Appellate Practice, Chs. 145-154

Practitioner's Guide to Civil Appeals in Texas REF KFT 1755.P73

CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law KFT 1294.S83

- 2020 Ch. 67 Persuading the Appellate Court
- 2020 Ch. 68 Preserving Your Appellate Record

Advanced Civil Appellate Practice KFT 1755.A75S7

- 2021 Ch. 13 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law: The Advanced Playbook
- 2020 Ch. 3 Interlocutory Appeals: Any Time, Any Place, Any Where, Any Way?
- 2020 Ch. 8 Supersedeas – What for and How Much?
- 2018 Ch. 3 Supreme Court of Texas Update, Section XXVI. Procedure – Appellate, Subsection B. Supersedeas Bonds, p. 63.
- 2018 Ch. 8 Appellate Changes in Family Law

Article: Elaine A. Carlson, “Reshuffling the Deck: Enforcing and Superseding Civil Judgment on Appeal after House Bill 4,” 46 S. TEX. L. REV. 1035, 1038 (2005). (Available on HeinOnline)

Online Resources

Civil Deskbook - Deskbooks (TJCTC)

<https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/Deskbooks.html>

Texas Courts (<https://www.txcourts.gov/>)

- Second Court of Appeals (Texas Judicial Branch) <https://www.txcourts.gov/2ndcoa/>
- Texas Court of Appeals Information <https://www.txcourts.gov/about-texas-courts/courts-of-appeals/>
- Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure <https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1437631/texas-rules-of-appellate-procedure-updated-with-amendments-effective-2117-with-appendices.pdf>

Texas Law Help

- Appealing a Judgment in Texas <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/appealing-a-judgment-in-texas>
- Civil Litigation in Texas: The Basic 3 Phases <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/civil-litigation-in-texas-the-basics-in-three-phases>
- Civil Litigation in Texas: After the Trial <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/civil-litigation-in-texas-after-the-trial>
- Court Structure of Texas <https://texaslawhelp.org/sites/default/files/2023-07/court-structure-chart-january-2023.pdf>

Pro Se Appeals Guide for Texas Courts (TYLA)

https://tyla.org/wp-content/uploads/gravity_forms/3-397e8575e360e36918ded152e292336c/2023/08/TYLA-Pro-Se-Appeals_23.pdf

What is the Process for an Appeal in Texas and How Long Will It Take? (ONDA)

<https://www.ondafamilylaw.com/process-appeal-texas-long-will-take/>

Social Security Administration: Hearings and Appeals

<https://www.ssa.gov/appeals/>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)