

Closure Status of Courts Affected by Hurricane Ike

Galveston County Information

- By Wednesday, the District Clerk will have its office open in the League City Annex (there is a courtroom there as well).
- Two District Judges (Lonnie Cox and Susan Criss) are available in League City for emergency orders/matters. District Judge Jan Yarbrough and County Judge Trey Dibrell are available on Galveston Island for emergency orders/matters.
- The Galveston federal courthouse is closed until further notice, and all matters will be rescheduled to Houston.

Beaumont Court of Appeals

- As of Friday, the Beaumont Court of Appeals was closed indefinitely.

Houston/Harris County Courts

- Harris County courts and the clerk are opened for normal business, except jury calls have been cancelled through September 23, 2008.
- The federal courts in Houston opened for normal business this morning at 8:00 a.m. Because the Galveston federal courthouse is closed until further notice, all matters will be rescheduled to Houston.

Other State Court Closures in South East Texas

- **Brazoria County** - Courthouse closed. "Essential personnel" are the only ones allowed in the courthouse as of this morning. The Court intends to resume hearings later this week
- **Burleson County** - Courthouse closed. All hearings last week cancelled and moved to Oct. 1st
- **Chambers County** - Only essential hearings held last week. All hearings for this week cancelled.
- **Hardin County** - Courthouse closed last week and no hearings were held. Hearings will resume this week.
- **Houston County** - closed, no re-opening dates given
- **Jasper County** - Courthouse closed last week with only essential hearings. All hearings are cancelled for this week.
- **Jefferson County** - Courthouse closed.
- **Liberty County** - Courthouse closed due to power.
- **Montgomery County** - Courthouse operating on an emergency basis due to partial power.
- **Newton County** - Courthouse closed. FEMA is using the facility at the present.
- **Orange County** - Courthouse closed due to no power. Media reports have stated that 90% of the attorney offices in downtown Orange have had 2 to 3 feet of water in them.
- **Robertson County** - Courthouse closed.
- **Trinity County** - Courthouse closed due to no power.