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Administrative Order	§	In the Probate Court
2020-13	§	Number One
[Superseding and Replacing Administrative Order 2020-8, signed March 25, 2020]	§	Travis County, Texas

**Order Updating Changes in Court Proceedings
Regarding Probate and Guardianship Matters
in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

On this date, the Travis County Probate Court finds that it signed an administrative order on March 25, 2020, updating temporary changes that were implemented in its court proceedings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Court further finds that subsequent to its signing of that administrative order, additional orders have been issued by the City of Austin, Travis County, the Texas Supreme Court, and the State of Texas that provide additional guidance to the public and the courts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Court finds that in an effort to comply with these additional orders, the changes implemented on March 25, 2020, need to be revised. The Court further finds that it is in the best interest of public safety that all probate and guardianship hearings should be held by video through Zoom or telephonically, if video is unavailable, until further notice in an attempt to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Administrative Order 2020-8 signed on March 25, 2020, is hereby superseded and replaced by this Administrative Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following changes to the court proceedings shall be implemented until further order of this Court in order to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19:

1. All hearings for probate and guardianship matters shall be held by video via Zoom, or telephonically if video is unavailable. There will be no in-person hearings for probate or guardianship matters.

2. No jury trials shall be held prior to August 1, 2020, unless authorized by the 17th Emergency Order issued by the Texas Supreme Court, issued on May 26, 2020, and all parties consent.
3. All Court sponsored CLE presentations are postponed until further notice.
4. Before contacting the Court, please visit the Probate Court's website for up to date information.

Signed on May 29, 2020.



Guy Herman, Judge Presiding