PUBLIC NOTICE

REVISED COURT PROCEDURES

Beginning January 19, 2021, County Court at Law #1 will resume a modified court docket. In person hearings will be kept to a bare minimum.. Social Distancing procedures will be in place and the number of people allowed in the court will be limited.

DEFENDANTS WITHOUT ATTORNEYS

You will need to appear in court on your scheduled court date and choose how you wish to move forward with your case. Failure to appear may result in a warrant issued for your arrest and forfeiture of your bond.

DEFENDANTS WITH ATTORNEYS

Please consult with your attorney to see if your appearance in court will be necessary.

ATTORNEYS

To limit the number of people in the courtroom, we are setting smaller dockets to comply with the social distancing guidelines. **If the attorney requests to appear remotely**, please contact Debbye Barnett at ccl@co.wise.tx.us or 940-627-5005 and the court will make accommodations..

ARRAIGNMENT SETTINGS: Attorneys and their clients will be required to appear, unless a Waiver of Arraignment has been approved by the Judge. All Waivers **must be in writing** and e-filed with the County Clerk's Office. Once the Waiver is approved by the Judge, you and your client will **not** be required to appear at this setting and your case will then be set on an Announcement Docket and you will be e-mailed notice of that hearing. It is the responsibility of the Attorney to notify their client of all hearings.

ANNOUNCEMENT SETTINGS: Attorneys and their clients will be required to appear. Attorneys are **REQUIRED to obtain a plea bargain offer from the Prosecutor PRIOR to this date. Please DO NOT wait until the morning of the Announcement Docket to try to obtain this offer from the Prosecutor.** If a Pre-Trial Hearing is requested and a date is set, all Pre-Trial Motions must be filed at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Trial Hearing or be forever waived under the provision of article 28.01(2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure. These hearings will be done in person with the attorney and defendant unless the attorney requests to appear remotely, please contact Debbye Barnett at ccl@co.wise.tx.us or 940-627-5005 and the court will make accommodations.

MOTION HEARINGS: If you file a motion that will require a hearing, please contact Debbye Barnett at ccl@co.wise.tx.us or 940-627-5005 to schedule a Zoom hearing. If you are filing a motion for early release from supervision, motion to remove interlock, or any other motion that the Court can decide on the fact of the motion without a hearing, please include attachments supporting your motion. Such attachments could include but are not limited to sworn affidavits from your client stating reasons for requested relief, supervision officer's position (i.e. an e-mail from them), and the opposing parties position.

TO RESET A CASE

ALL requests for resets MUST be done via e-file. All requests must be e-filed and accepted with the Clerk's office no later than 12:30 p.m. on the last business day before their setting. The Court will NOT accept resets via email unless the Court specifically grants the attorney permission.

Failure to e-file a reset may result in the Court issuing a warrant for your client's arrest and a forfeiture of their bond.

TO PLEA A CASE

If you have reached a plea agreement with the State, please contact Debbye Barnett at ccl@co.wise.tx.us or 940-627-5005 to schedule a date and time for the plea hearing. Plea hearings will be done in person with the attorney and defendant unless the attorney requests to appear remotely, please contact Debbye Barnett at ccl@co.wise.tx.us or 940-627-5005 and the court will make accommodations.

*****IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 DO NOT COME TO COURT! PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT COORDINATOR FOR RESCHEDULE OF COURT DATE*****