

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER MARCH 19, 2020
OF NUECES COUNTY COURTS AT LAW
REGARDING PROBATE MATTERS**

Due to the present circumstances of the COVID-19 crisis and concern for the health of everyone, the Nueces County Courts at Law pursuant to Supreme Court Misc. Docket No. 20-9042 will be conducting non-contested probate hearings remotely until further notice.

Upon the hearing being accepted and scheduled, the following protocol will be followed:

1. Upon the hearing being scheduled, a time and phone number (or link) will be given to contact the Court directly to communicate by teleconferencing or video conferencing or other means.
2. Depending on the set up with the Court:
 - a. Court Call will have to be subscribed by individual attorney; or
 - b. If the Zoom program is designated by the individual court, the attorney(s) and/or witness(es) will have to be able to use such program on their phone, laptop, or computer.
3. The attorney and his/her client will contact the Court and prove up the Will from the remote location, in most cases, from the attorney's office.
4. If the witness and attorney are at different locations, it will be the attorney's responsibility to coordinate the meeting and make sure the witness is equipped to communicate telephonically or by video conference.
5. The Proof of Death will be sworn to before a notary subsequent to the hearing and the Order being signed. If a notary is unavailable, the witness may sign an unsworn declaration in the form allowed by law.
6. With the Court's permission, oral testimony may be dispensed and an affidavit accepted as per the Supreme Court Order.

Once the Order has been signed and the sworn documents are e-filed, the attorney is responsible for contacting the Clerk's office for letters.



JUDGE ROBERT J. VARGAS
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1


3/20/2020



JUDGE DEEANNE GALVAN
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 3



JUDGE LISA GONZALES
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2



JUDGE MARK H. WOERNER
COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 4