

**Supplement to COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Angelina County District
and County Courts at Law County and other Judiciary**

STANDING ORDER PROHIBITING ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS

On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Order authorizes all courts in Texas to “allow or require anyone involved in any hearing, deposition, or other proceedings of any kind – including but not limited to a party, attorney, witness, or court reporter, but not including a juror – to participate remotely, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means.”

While the Texas Supreme Court has authorized video and telephonic hearings and trials during this state of emergency, and while the respective Courts of Angelina County will conduct video and telephonic hearings and trials, unauthorized recordings or broadcasting of these court proceedings is prohibited.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that no person, other than the court reporter/recorder, may record or broadcast the respective Courts of Angelina County video or telephonic court proceedings without the specific Court Judges’ express permission. This prohibition applies to all persons, including members of the public and media who are viewing or listening to court proceedings.

Any person found in violation of this order could face monetary sanctions or criminal contempt. Each violation of this order could result in a fine up to \$500 and a sentence of confinement in the Angelina County Jail for up to six (6) months.

SIGNED on March 31, 2021.



HONORABLE BOB INSELMANN
Local Administrative District Judge for
159th and 217th District Courts
County Courts at Law No. 1 and No. 2
Justice of the Peace Courts 1, 2, 3 and 4
Municipal Courts within Angelina County