



**WILLIAMSON COUNTY  
COUNTY AND DISTRICT COURT DIRECTIVE  
DCD-2019-002**

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**SUBJECT**

The subject of the directive is waiver of magistration.

**PURPOSE**

To establish a procedure for defendants to waive magistration.

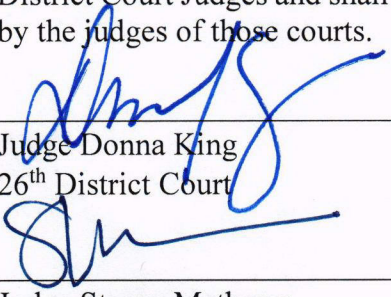
**DIRECTIVE**

To accommodate the needs of the County and District Courts and the County and District Clerks, the following procedure shall be utilized by the Magistrate Judges.

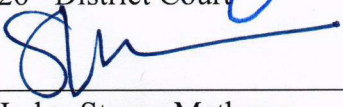
- Defendants may waive magistration on any case in which a bond amount has been set, except for offenses involving an alleged victim, family violence, or driving while intoxicated.
- Defendants arrested on an offense involving an alleged victim, family violence, or driving while intoxicated must come before a magistrate for bond conditions, and an Emergency Protection Order, if appropriate, to be ordered.
- Defendants arrested on capias warrants for Motions to Revoke Probation or Motions to Adjudicate may waive magistration regardless of the underlying charge, if a bond amount is set. The jail will need to verify whether there are any bond conditions noted on the warrant. If there are bond conditions required, the defendant must be brought before a magistrate and may not waive magistration.
- The jail will maintain the Waiver of Magistration form. Any defense attorney presenting a waiver to the jail must provide his or her driver's license for identification purposes. The attorney bar card will also be presented and photocopied for record keeping purposes.

- The jail shall provide the magistrate clerk a copy of the Waiver of Magistration. The Waiver will be scanned into the system and forwarded to the District or County Clerk.

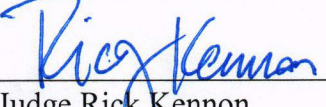
This procedure is to be followed effective the date this Directive is signed by all County and District Court Judges and shall remain in effect until such time as it is either rescinded or modified by the judges of those courts.

  
Judge Donna King  
26<sup>th</sup> District Court

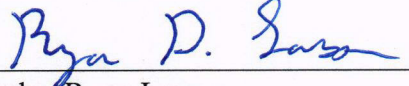
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Judge Stacey Mathews  
277<sup>th</sup> District Court

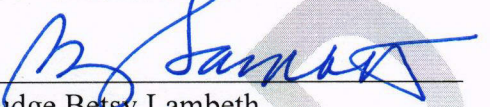
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Judge Ryan Larson  
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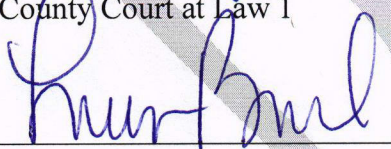
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Judge Betsy Lambeth  
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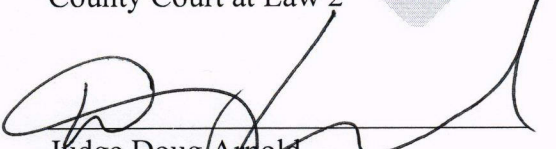
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Judge Brandy Hallford  
County Court at Law 1

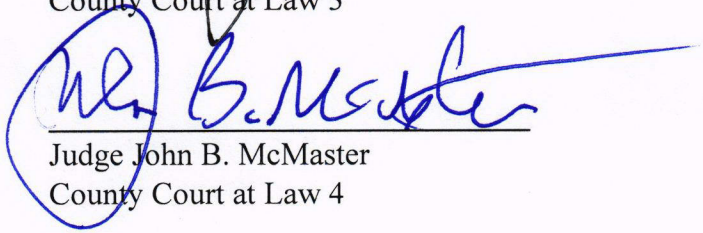
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Judge Laura Barker  
County Court at Law 2

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Judge Doug Arnold  
County Court at Law 3

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Judge John B. McMaster  
County Court at Law 4

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