

# Civil Appeals Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide contains information and resources concerning civil appeals in Texas. Civil appeals can refer to a broad range of legal issues. This guide contains resources for civil cases and a few specifically family law cases. The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

*Related Handouts: Captions (Family and Civil), Eviction and Appealing an Eviction, Civil Litigation Process*

## Statutes & Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Civil Practice and Remedies Code (CPRC)

- Ch. 51 Appeals  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.51.htm>
- Ch. 52 Security for Judgments Pending Appeal  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.52.htm>

Texas Government Code

- Ch. 22 Appellate Courts  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.22.htm>

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure (TRCP)

<https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/rules-standards/>

Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure (TRAP)

<https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/rules-standards/>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Plus REF KFT 1728 .A196 A2**

- CPRC Subtitle D: Appeals, pp. 220-232.
- CPRC Ch. 51 Appeal generally
- GOVT Ch. 22 Appellate Courts

**O'Connor's Texas Civil Appeals REF KFT 1755 .03**

**O'Connor's Texas Civil Forms REF KFT 1735 .A65 03**

- Ch. 10 Postjudgment Motions

**O'Connor's Texas Rules Civil Trials REF KFT 1729 .A19 03**

- Ch. 10 Postjudgment Motions

**O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action Pleadings REF KFT 1735 .A65 036**

**Cooper, Furness, & Marshall's Texas Rules of Civil Procedure Annotated REF KFT 1729 .A315 A2**

**Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4**

- Unit 3 Appellate Practice, Chs. 145-154

**Practitioner's Guide to Civil Appeals in Texas REF KFT 1755 .P73**

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Family Law KFT 1294 .S83**

- 2020 Ch. 67 Persuading the Appellate Court
- 2020 Ch. 68 Preserving Your Appellate Record

**Advanced Civil Appellate Practice KFT 1755 .A75S7**

- 2021 Ch. 13 Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law: The Advanced Playbook

- 2020 Ch. 3 Interlocutory Appeals: Any Time, Any Place, Any Where, Any Way?
- 2020 Ch. 8 Supersedeas – What for and How Much?
- 2018 Ch. 3 Supreme Court of Texas Update, Section XXVI. Procedure – Appellate, Subsection B. Supersedeas Bonds, p. 63.
- 2018 Ch. 8 Appellate Changes in Family Law

#### **Civil Appellate Practice 101 (PDF only)**

- 2023 Ch. 6 Checklist for Your First Civil Appeal
- 2023 Ch. 9 Federal and State Appeals: Compare and Contrast
- 2023 Ch. 12 Greatest Hits: Common Appellate Issues for the New Practitioner

Article: Elaine A. Carlson, “Reshuffling the Deck: Enforcing and Superseding Civil Judgment on Appeal after House Bill 4,” 46 S. TEX. L. REV. 1035, 1038 (2005). (Available on HeinOnline)

## **Online Resources**

Civil Deskbook - Deskbooks (TJCTC)

<https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/Deskbooks.html>

Texas Courts (Texas Judicial Branch)

- Second Court of Appeals  
<https://www.txcourts.gov/2ndcoa/>
- Texas Court of Appeals Information  
<https://www.txcourts.gov/about-texas-courts/courts-of-appeals/>
- Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure  
<https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1437631/texas-rules-of-appellate-procedure-updated-with-amendments-effective-2117-with-appendices.pdf>

Pro Se Appeals Guide for Texas Courts (TYLA)

[https://tyla.org/wp-content/uploads/gravity\\_forms/3-397e8575e360e36918ded152e292336c/2023/08/TYLA-Pro-Se-Appeals\\_23.pdf](https://tyla.org/wp-content/uploads/gravity_forms/3-397e8575e360e36918ded152e292336c/2023/08/TYLA-Pro-Se-Appeals_23.pdf)

What is the Process for an Appeal in Texas and How Long Will It Take? (ONDA)

<https://www.ondafamilylaw.com/process-appeal-texas-long-will-take/>

Appealing a Judgment in Texas (Texas Law Help)

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/appealing-a-judgment-in-texas>

Social Security Administration: Hearings and Appeals

<https://www.ssa.gov/appeals/>

## **Legal Assistance**

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up  
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)