

# Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, or DTPA. A deceptive act is, “as defined by the Federal Trade Commission and most state statutes, conduct that is likely to deceive a consumer acting reasonably under similar circumstances.” *Black’s Law Dictionary*, 12<sup>th</sup> ed. 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 guides: Arbitration, Debt Collection, Foreclosure, Fraud, Landlord/Tenant, Small Claims*

## Statutes and Codes

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

Texas Business & Commerce Code

- Ch. 17 Deceptive Trade Practices  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/BC/htm/B C.17.htm>

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Texas DTPA Forms and Practice KFT 1430 .B7**

**Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act Reference Card REF KFT 1295**

**The Lawyer’s Guide to The Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act KFT 1430 .A94**

**Consumer Protection Law in a Nutshell KT 1610 .M37**

**O’Connor’s Texas Causes of Action REF KFT 1733 .O26**

- Ch. 8 Deceptive Trade Practices Act

**O’Connor’s Texas Causes of Action Pleadings REF KFT 1735 .A65 O36**

- Ch. 8 Deceptive Trade Practices Act

**Texas Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms REF KFT 1730 .A65 T482**

- Vol. 6, Ch. 100A DTPA (Deceptive Trade Practices Act)

**West’s Texas Forms REF KFT 1268 .W47**

- Vol. 4, Ch. 12 Causes of Action Arising Under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act

**Texas Torts and Remedies REF KFT 1395 .T49**

- Vol. 3, Ch. 43 Deceptive Trade Practices
- Vol. 3, Ch. 44 Fraud and Misrepresentation
- Vol. 4, Ch. 74 Insurer’s Duty of Good Faith

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law KFT 1430 .A75S7**

- 2023 Ch. 1 Deceptive Trade Practices Act and Arbitration Update (*PDF only*)
- 2020 Ch. 13 DTPA and Arbitration Update

**Collections and Creditors Rights KFT 1367 .C6S7 (*PDF only*)**

- 2024 Ch. 8 Post-Judgment Remedies: Judgment Liens, Garnishment, Execution, Turnover Proceedings, Receiverships Under the DTPA, Charging Orders and Other Stuff
- 2022 Ch. 2 Post-Judgment Remedies: Judgment Liens, Garnishment, Execution, Turnover Proceedings, Receiverships Under the DTPA, Charging Orders and “Other Stuff”

## Online Resources

Consumer Rights: The Deceptive Trade Practices Act (OAG) <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/file-consumer-complaint/consumer-rights>

File a Consumer Complaint (OAG) <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection/file-consumer-complaint>

Deceptive Trade Practices Act: Protections for Consumers (TexasLawHelp) <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/deceptive-trade-practices-act-protections-for-consumers>

Consumer Law Handbook Overview (Houston Bar Association) (TexasLawHelp) <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/consumer-law-handbook>

Consumer Protection Guide (TSLL) <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/consumer-protection>

Better Business Bureau (BBB) <https://www.bbb.org/all/consumer-resources>

Filing a Complaint (Federal Trade Commission) <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/>

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint/>

## 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=legaline>

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