

Landlord-Tenant Research Guide

Overview

This research guide is designed to provide information and resources for landlord/tenant issues, such as repairs, evictions, and natural disasters, and including appellate issues, such as filing a supersedeas bond. The resources listed below are not exhaustive, and there may be additional applications not included.

See also: Law Library handouts for *Civil Captions*, *Eviction*, *Appealing an Eviction*, and *Steps in the Civil Litigation Process* at the reference desk.

Statutes & Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Property Code

- Chapter 24: Forcible Entry & Detainer; Notice to Vacate (form) § 24.005; Appeal chapter 24.007
- Ch. 91: Provisions Generally Applicable to Landlords & Tenants
- Ch. 92: Residential Tenancies
- Ch. 93: Commercial Tenancies
- Ch. 94: Manufactured Home Tenancies

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure: Rule 510

Inquire at Reference Desk for Desk Copy or visit <https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/rules-standards/>

Secondary Resources in Print

Dorsaneo's Texas Litigation Guide KFT 1730.T4

- Vol. 9, Ch. 132 Enforcement of Judgments
- Vol. 10, Ch. 148 Suspending Enforcement Appeal; § 148.53 Supersedeas Bond
- Vol. 18, Ch. 282 Landlord Tenant

Texas Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Guide KFT 1730.A65 T482 (aka Texas Forms Pleading and Practice)

- Vol. 8A, Chapter 156 Landlord Tenant

Texas Real Estate Litigation KFT 1326.R4B3

Texas Foreclosure Manual REF KFT 1330.5.F6S7

- Ch. 34 Residential Evictions Following Foreclosure

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

- Ch. 8 Staying the Execution and Superseding the Judgment

Every Tenant's Legal Guide KF 590.Z9 P67

Renter's Rights KF 590.Z9 P673

Every Landlord's Legal Guide KF 590.Z9 S74

Leases & Rental Agreements: Essential Rental Forms Every Landlord Needs KF 590.Z9 S84

101 Law Forms for Personal Use KF 170.L46

- Ch. 4 Renting a Place to Live

NOLO's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law: Answers to Your Most Frequently Asked Legal Questions KF 387.N646

- Ch. 3 Landlords and Tenants

See also: Texas Justice Court Training Center binders. Inquire at Reference Desk

CLE Materials

Advanced Civil Appellate Practice KFT 1755.A75S7

- 2020 Ch. 8 Supersedeas – What for and How Much?

- 2020 Ch. 24 There's a Judgment, Now What?
- 2018 Ch. 3: Supreme Court of Texas Update, Section XXVI. Procedure – Appellate, Subsection B. Supersedeas Bonds, p. 63.

Litigation Update Institute Course KFT 1738.A2S7

- 2013 Ch. 1: Supreme Court of Texas Update by Elizabeth (Heidi) Bloch, Section XXX. Procedure – Trial and Post-Trial – Subsection H. Supersedeas Deposit, p. 66

Online Resources

General Landlord/Tenant Resources

- Texas State Law Library Research Guide Landlord Tenant Law <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/landlord-tenant-law>
- Mold and Renters' Rights in Texas <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/faqs-%E2%80%93-mold-renter%E2%80%99s-rights-texas>
- Texas State Law Library – Failure to Repair <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/landlord-tenant-law/failure-to-repair>
- Texas Tenant Advisor <https://texastenant.org/>
- Texas Law Help – Eviction Information <https://texaslawhelp.org/eviction-information>
- Texas Law Help – Eviction & Other Landlord Issues <https://texaslawhelp.org/house-apartment/eviction-other-landlord-issues>
- Appealing an Eviction <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/appealing-eviction>
- “Appealing an Eviction” (TexasLawHelp.org) <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/appealing-an-eviction>
- Texas Justice Court Training Center Forms: Order Staying Writ of Possession for 30 Days in Manufactured Home Eviction <https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:00992fd4-c408-40fb-aef2-c508fd9a1919/Order%20Staying%20Writ%20of%20Possession%20in%20MFH%20Eviction.docx>

Eviction and COVID-19

- Texas Rent Relief <https://texasrentrelief.com/>
- Texas Justice Court Training Center <https://www.tjctc.org/coronavirus.html>
- Evictions and Covid-related Issues (TexasLawHelp.org) <https://texaslawhelp.org/covid-19-legal-information-hub>
- Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs <https://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/HAF-Announcement.htm>

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)