

# Post-Trial & Appellate Proceedings (Family Law) Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on post-trial and appellate proceedings in 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.

- Clarification §16C:1 (child support); §17:1 (possession & access)
- Enforcement/Contempt §16B-16F (child support); §17B-17E (possession & access); §18B-18D (property division)

### **Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure KFT 1294.F35**

- Obj. G Appellate Review
- Obj. O Post-Trial Property Division
- See *Appeals* in Index

### **Dorsaneo's Texas Litigation Guide KFT 1730.T4**

- Vol. 10, Chs. 145-154 Appellate Procedures
- Vol. 10, Ch. 153 Accelerated Appeals
- Vol. 10, Ch. 154 Restricted Appeals

## Statutes and Codes

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

See Family Code –

- Ch. 9 Post-Decree Proceedings (Divorce)
- Ch. 56 Appeal (Juvenile)
- Ch. 109 Appeals (SAPCR)

## Secondary Resources in Print

### **Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294.T4S7**

- Vol. 1, Ch. 8 Ancillary Motions and Proceedings
- Vol. 2, Ch. 26 Posttrial Proceedings and Appeals

### **O'Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook KFT 1294.A291 026**

- Ch. 8-A Postdissolution Partition of Community Property §15 Appellate Review
- Ch. 8-B Postdissolution Partition of Community Property §16 Appellate Review

### **O'Connor's Texas Family Law Forms KFT 1294.A65 W55**

- De Novo §1C:5-7

## CLE Materials

### **Advanced Family Law Course KFT 1294.S83**

- 2020 Ch. 67 Ain't Too Proud to Beg: Persuading the Appellate Court
- 2019 Ch. 66 What Every Family Lawyer Must Know about Post-Trial Issues

### **Marriage Dissolution Institute KFT 1300.M372**

- 2018 Ch. 3 Temporary Orders During Appeal

## Online Resources

Appealing a Judgment in Texas (TexasLawHelp)  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/appealing-a-judgment-in-texas>

Texas Young Lawyers Association Pro Se Appellate Guide  
<http://www.tyla.org/tyla/assets/File/Pro%20Se%20Litigant%20Guide.pdf>

How to Set Aside Default Judgment (TexasLawHelp)  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/how-set-aside-default-judgment>

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

De Novo Hearings and Posttrial Strategies (DFPS Appellate Unit)  
[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\\_Protection/Attorneys\\_Guide/documents/Section\\_10\\_De\\_Novo\\_Post\\_Trial.pdf](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Attorneys_Guide/documents/Section_10_De_Novo_Post_Trial.pdf)

Correcting a Clerical Mistake (TexasLawHelp)  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/guide/i-want-to-correct-a-clerical-mistake-in-a-judgment>

Retain or Reinstate a Case (TexasLawHelp)  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/how-to-retain-or-reinstate-a-case-dismissed-by-the-court>

Family Law Self Help Center: Appealing an Order  
<https://www.familylawselfhelpcenter.org/self-help/divorce/how-do-i-change-the-order/166-appealing-an-order>

Tarrant County: Sample De Novo Hearing Form  
[https://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/dam/main/law-library/pdfs/De\\_Novo\\_Packet\\_Request\\_and\\_Notice\\_of\\_Hearing.pdf](https://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/dam/main/law-library/pdfs/De_Novo_Packet_Request_and_Notice_of_Hearing.pdf)

Tarrant County: Sample Motion and Order for New Trial Forms  
[https://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/dam/main/law-library/pdfs/New\\_Trial\\_Motion\\_and\\_Order.pdf](https://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/dam/main/law-library/pdfs/New_Trial_Motion_and_Order.pdf)

Texas Courts: Rules of Appellate Procedure  
<https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1453411/texas-rules-of-appellate-procedure.pdf>



## 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>