

Writ of Mandamus Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on writ of mandamus. This writ is “issued by a court to compel performance of a particular act by a lower court or a governmental officer or body, usually to correct a prior action or failure to act.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th 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.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/>

Texas Government Code §802.003

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.802.htm#802.003>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Criminal Lawyer’s Handbook KFT 1775.D36

- Vol. 1, Ch. 13.42 Mandamus to Compel Discovery

Texas Criminal Practice Guide KFT 1775.T49

- Vol.4, Ch. 90B.02 Writ of Mandamus
- Vol.4, Ch. 90B.102 Application for Writ of Mandamus
- Vol.4, Ch. 90B.202 (3) Mandamus

Texas Probate, Estate and Trust Administration KFT 1344.T465

- Vol.4, Ch. 83.02 (3) Change of Venue

O’Connor’s Texas Family Law Handbook KFT 1294.A291 026

- Ch. 4-B, 4.6 Appellate review

Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure KFT 1294.F35

- Vol. 3, Ch. G, Task G5 Seeking writ of mandamus

Texas Family Law Practice Manual: Handbook KFT 1294.T4S7

- Vol. 2, Ch. 27 Mandamus
- Vol. 1, Ch. 5.10 Mandamus as remedy

Texas Family Law Practice Manual: Forms KFT 1294.T4S7

- Vol. 2, Ch. 27 Mandamus

Texas Practice Guide: Civil Appeals KFT 1280.T4931

- Vol. 2, Ch. 16.6 Types of writs available; uses-Mandamus
- Vol. 2, Ch. 16.142 Petition for writ of mandamus

Texas Civil Practice KFT 1730.M3

- Vol.3, Ch 12.66(D) Mandamus

Texas Forms: Pleading and Practice KFT 1730.A65 T482

- Vol. 8A, Ch. 165 Mandamus

Texas Transaction Guide KFT 1268.K45

- Vol. 18, Ch 81A.46(3)(b) Writ of Mandamus

Texas Torts and Remedies KFT 1395.T49

- Vol. 6, Ch. 109.19 Review of Discovery Orders

Texas Practice: Civil Trial and Appellate Procedure KFT 1738.W52

- Vol. 3, Ch. 24-5. Mandamus Practice
- Vol. 2, Ch. 9-8 Motion for Judgment; Mandamus to Compel Trial Judge to Render, Cause Entry of, and Enforce Judgment

Texas Litigation Guide KFT 1730.T4

- Vol. 10, Ch. 152.03(1)(a) Mandamus

CLE Materials

Advanced Family Law KFT 1294.S83

- 2020 Vol. 3, Ch. 69 I Fought the Law: Mandamus for the Trial Lawyer

Advanced Civil Trial Course KFT 1738.A2S73

- 2021 Ch. 2 Mandamus
- 2020 Ch. 26 Mandamus
- 2019 Vol. 1, Ch. 10 Mandamus for the Trial Lawyer

Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course KFT 1740.A75S7

- 2022 Ch. 4 Mandamus and Sanctions
- 2017 Ch. 18 Mandamus
- 2015 Ch. 14 Mandamus with a Spotlight on Discovery and Motion for New Trial Orders
- 2012 Ch. 11 Mandamus

Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course KFT 1755.A75S7

- 2021 Ch. 4 Mandamus
- 2014 Ch. 22 Mandamus Update

Marriage Dissolution Institute KFT 1300.M372

- 2014 Ch. 23 Remand, Mandamus, and Habeas Corpus

Online Resources

TDCAA: From the prosecutor's toolshed, the writ of mandamus

<https://www.tdcaa.com/journal/from-the-prosecutors-tool-shed-the-writ-of-mandamus/>

ONDA: A Family Law Practice: Mandamus

<https://www.ondafamilylaw.com/appellate-lawyer-texas/mandamus-mandamus/#:~:text=A%20writ%20of%20mandamus%20is,no%20adequate%20remedy%20at%20law.>

Wood Edwards Attorneys: Writ of Mandamus in Texas

<https://www.mylawteam.com/writ-mandamus-texas/>

St. Mary's University: The Original Writ of Mandamus in the Supreme Court of Texas

<https://commons.stmarytx.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1147&context=thestmaryslawjournal>

Butler Snow Law Firm: What is the deadline for filing a mandamus petition?

<https://www.butlersnow.com/2020/11/whats-the-expiration-date-on-that-mandamus/>

"To Mandamus or Not?" is Often the Question (Federal, Immigration)

<https://cilacademy.org/2021/01/25/to-mandamus-or-not-is-often-the-question/>

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)