



The Information Edge

Current Legal News from Collin County's
Curt B. Henderson Law Library

ISSUE 2025-05

WWW.COLLINCOUNTYTX.GOV

MAY 2025

Curt B. Henderson Law Library Refresher

REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

Location: Collin County Courthouse (lower level), 2100 Bloomdale Road, McKinney TX 75071

Email: lawlibrary@co.collin.tx.us

Website: <https://www.collincountytx.gov/Courts/Law-Library>

We serve the legal needs of attorneys, pro se litigants and other residents of Collin County.

Hours: Mon. - Thur. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (temporarily)

Payment Policy: Cash Only.

Copies: Less than 10 pages are free. 10 or more pages are .10 per page.

The Law Library has free public access subscriptions to Lexis Advance and Westlaw.

Notary Policy:

All Collin County Law Library employees are Texas Notaries Public, and notarial services are provided free of charge. However, our notaries may not always be available.

All documents presented for notarization must have a notarial certificate at the end of the document. A notary cannot select the type of notarial certificate used for any document unless they are also an attorney. Our Law Librarians have sample notarial certificates that you can review.

Collin County Law Library notaries will not notarize Wills. Additionally, Texas law does not authorize notaries public to certify an I-9 Employment Eligibility Form, and the Form itself does not contain a notarial certificate.

The Law Library staff can:

- show you the forms we have
- help you find books and resources that might help you with your case
- give you general information about court rules, procedures and practices
- direct you to useful internet sites
- show you how to use our computer legal research tools.

The Law Library staff cannot:

- fill out your form for you or tell you what words to use
- tell you which forms you should use
- analyze your case
- interpret or explain cases and laws
- speculate as to what a judge might decide.
- give any legal advice

Additionally, please refer to the Law Library FAQs page:

<https://www.collincountytx.gov/Courts/Law-Library/faqs>

Copies of these articles are available in the library, or from the assistant law librarians via email:

kmanzano@co.collin.tx.us/fmiller@co.collin.tx.us

89th Legislative Session Updates

- SB 2

Relating to the establishment of an education savings account (ESA) program.

SB 2 provides for education savings accounts administered by the Texas State Comptroller. Every student in Texas may apply and, if accepted, participate in the ESA program. Most participating families will receive approximately \$10,000 per year per child. Children with disabilities will receive up to an additional \$30,000 per year. Home-school students are eligible for up to \$2,000 per year. The law is effective September 1, 2025 and is expected to launch in late 2026.

- SB 14

Relating to creation of a Texas regulation cutting-agency.

SB 14 creates a "Texas Regulatory Efficiency Office" in order to make Texas government more efficient and less costly. The Regulatory Efficiency Office will advise other state agencies on ways to make regulations more effective and efficient. The law is effective September 1, 2025.

Pending Bills of Interest:

- SB 849

Introduces significant changes to Texas family law regarding child custody and parenting arrangements, with a primary focus on promoting equal parenting time. The bill establishes a new "equal parenting order" as the presumptive standard for joint managing conservators, which provides both parents with essentially equal or nearly equal periods of physical possession and access to their child.

- SB 3

Relating to the regulation of consumable hemp products and the hemp-derived cannabinoids contained in those products; requiring a registration; imposing fees; creating criminal offenses; providing an administrative penalty.

Contact Information:

Assistant
Law Librarians
Email: kmanzano@co.collin.tx.us;
fml-
ler@co.collin.tx.us

Hours of Operation:
Monday—Thursday
8:00 am—5:00 pm

Fridays
8:00– 4:00 pm

Did You Know?

There is a new link on texaslawhelp.org

TEXAS FAMILY HELP LINK

The goal to connect children and caregivers with local legal resources.

-CPS Issues—accessing government benefits – foster youths—protecting children from abuse and neglect—juvenile record sealing, driver's license restoration, and names changes— nonparent caregivers

**TEXAS
LAW
HELP
ORG**

Important Announcement

A bittersweet goodbye Jonathan Sims has resigned. We wish him and his family well.

If you need help and cannot make it in please use our website or email us at lawlibrary@co.collin.tx.us

Library staff may be reached at 972-548-4255 or 972-548-4260.



ARE YOU REAL ID COMPLIANT?

Are you “STAR” official?

Good news, if your current Texas driver license, or ID is REAL ID- compliant if it has a gold star in the top right corner.

If it does not, than you are not REAL compliant, and may want to request a renewal or replacement.



Getting a Texas REAL ID

You can apply for a REAL ID or driver license in person at Department of Public Safety (DPS) office. You may be eligible to renew your existing ID or license online.

You can still use your current ID or driver license if it is not expired, and for non-federal purposes.

To get a REAL- ID or driver license you will need:

To make an appointment with Department of Public Safety (DPS), if you cannot renew online

You will need to bring an original or certified copy of your Birth Certificate or an unexpired United States Passport Book or Card

Your current Texas Vehicle Registration or Title

Current car Insure Police or Car Insurance Statement

If you name changed, legal documents showing proof of name change from your birth name

Starting May 7, 2025, you will need to be REAL- ID compliant to fly!

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT)

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas is offering free pro-se assistance to those who qualify every Thursday in the conference room of the 429th District Court in the Collin County Courthouse

Thursdays 8:30-12:00 PM.

For more information please contact:

(972) 542-9405

Do I benefit from **LEGAL AID**?



Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas (LANWT) offers free civil legal assistance to low-income Texans who wouldn't otherwise be able to secure such legal representation.

Practices include:

- Support for Families
- Preserving the Home
- Maintaining Economic Stability
- Safety, Stability and Health
- Individuals with Special Needs
- Problems Affecting Groups of Individuals



**The Law Library will
be closed**

Monday May 26, 2025

Memorial Day

&

**July 4, 2025 in honor
of Independence Day**



New on the Shelf

- ◆ O'Connor's Federal Employment Code Plus—2025-2026
- ◆ O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action Pleading— 2025
- ◆ O'Connor's Texas Rules Civil Trials— 2025
- ◆ Ineffective Assistance of Counsel— 2025 edition
- ◆ Rights of Juveniles—2025 edition
- ◆ Federal Criminal Code & Rules— 2025 Edition
- ◆ Texas Jury Pattern Charges— Business 2022
- ◆ Texas Jury Pattern Charges— Family & Probate 2022
- ◆ Texas Jury Pattern Charges— Oil & Gas 2022
- ◆ Texas Jury Pattern Charges— General Negligence 2022
- ◆ Texas Jury Pattern Charges— Malpractice 2022



Legal Humor

