

In 2013, the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals issued their Order Adopting Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21c and Amendments to Texas Rules of Civil procedure 4, 21, 21a, 45, 57, and 502; Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 6, 9, and 48; and the Supreme Court Order Directing the Form of the Appellate Record. *See* MISC. DOCKET NO. 13-9165 (Tex. Dec. 13, 2013) & MISC. DOCKET NO. 13-003 (Tex. Crim. App. Dec. 11, 2013). The 2013 amended rules mandated electronic filing in all appeals, but only in civil cases at the trial level. It did not require electronic filing in criminal cases in trial courts.

Currently, Harris County's Rules for Receiving and Filing Electronically Transmitted Court Documents remains in effect for filings in criminal cases at the trial level. *See* MISC. DOCKET NO. 91-0061 (Tex. Aug. 21, 1991).

On June 30, 2016, the Court of Criminal Appeals issued an Order Mandating Statewide Electronic Filing in Criminal Cases. *See* MISC. DOCKET NO. 16-003 (Tex. Crim. App. June 30, 2016). Accordingly, on July 1, 2017, this administrative order will become effective in Harris County and will supersede the 1991 Rules. On that date, Harris County will no longer accept plain paper facsimile filings.

Text of current administrative orders:

[ORDER ADOPTING TEXAS RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 21c AND AMENDMENTS TO TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 4, 21, 21a, 45, 57, AND 502.](#) MISC. DOCKET NO. 13-9165 (Tex. Dec. 13, 2013) & MISC. DOCKET NO. 13-003 (Tex. Crim. App. Dec. 11, 2013)

Order Mandating Statewide Electronic Filing in Criminal Cases. MISC. DOCKET NO. 16-003 (Tex. Crim. App. June 30, 2016).