

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL IN CRIMINAL CASES FROM A MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD

Rights and Procedures for Defendants

The purpose of this pamphlet is to provide you with information about appealing a conviction from the municipal court to an appellate court. If you have questions about your legal rights or whether you should appeal, please consult with a licensed attorney of your choice.

Right to Appeal

You have the right to appeal a conviction in municipal court. This right applies if you are convicted at trial or convicted after pleading guilty or no contest.

The State (represented by the city attorney or deputy city attorney) has the right to appeal:

Appeal Requirements

Before you can appeal, the municipal court must enter a final judgment of guilty against you and impose a penalty (fine and costs).

To appeal the final judgment of guilty, you are required to:

- File a written motion for new trial with the municipal clerk not later than the 10th day after the date on which judgment was rendered.
- If the motion is denied, submit a notice of appeal no later than the 10th day after motion was overruled
- File an appeal bond with the court
- Pay \$25 clerk's filing fee
- Post a bond double the amount of the total balance owed, or post a surety bond
- Hire a court reporter to transcribe the proceedings and communicate his/her name to the court. A list of court reporters in Corpus Christi is included. You may find a complete list at <http://www.txcourts.gov/jbcc/court-reporters-certification/list-of-csrs-crfs.aspx>
- Pay the court reporter for the transcription of the proceedings
- Submit the original transcript to the municipal court to be included with the clerk's record

The following pages are for your information on appeals and are not intended to provide any legal advice. These were obtained from the Texas Constitution and Statutes website at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/>. Also included in this packet is a list of certified court reporters in Corpus Christi for your convenience. Should you have any questions on this information or these statutes, please consult with a licensed attorney.

eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Renumbered from Sec. 30.00016 and amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 691, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 37 (S.B. 1014), Sec. 3, eff. May 9, 2005.

Sec. 30.00018. BILLS OF EXCEPTION. Bills of exception must substantially conform to the provisions relating to the preparation of bills of exception in the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure and the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 811, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 31, 1987. Renumbered from Government Code Sec. 30.497 by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 8.02, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Renumbered from Sec. 30.00017 and amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 691, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 30.00019. REPORTER'S RECORD. (a) A reporter's record included in the record on appeal must substantially conform to the provisions relating to the preparation of a reporter's record in the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure and the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(b) The appellant shall pay for the reporter's record.

Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 811, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 31, 1987. Renumbered from Government Code Sec. 30.498 by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 8.02, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Renumbered from Sec. 30.00018 and amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 691, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 37 (S.B. 1014), Sec. 4, eff. May 9, 2005.

Sec. 30.00020. TRANSFER OF RECORD. (a) Not later than the 60th day after the date on which the notice of appeal is given or filed, the parties must file with the municipal clerk:

(1) the reporter's record;
(2) a written description of material to be included in the clerk's record in addition to the required material; and
(3) any material to be included in the clerk's record that is not in the custody of the clerk.

(b) On completion of the record, the municipal judge shall approve the record in the manner provided for record completion, approval, and notification in the court of appeals.

(c) After the court approves the record, the clerk shall promptly send the record to the appellate court clerk for filing. The appellate court clerk shall notify the defendant and the prosecuting attorney that the record has been filed.

Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 811, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 31, 1987. Renumbered from Government Code Sec. 30.499 by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 8.02, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Renumbered from Sec. 30.00019 and amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 691, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 37 (S.B. 1014), Sec. 5, eff. May 9, 2005.

Sec. 30.00021. BRIEF ON APPEAL. (a) An appellant's brief on appeal from a municipal court of record must present points of error in the manner required by law for a brief on appeal to the court of appeals.

(b) The appellant must file the brief with the appellate court clerk not later than the 15th day after the date on which the clerk's record and reporter's record are filed with that clerk. The appellant or the appellant's attorney must certify that the brief has been properly mailed to the appellee.

(c) The appellee must file the appellee's brief with the appellate court clerk not later than the 15th day after the date on which the appellant's brief is filed.

(d) Each party, on filing the party's brief with the appellate court clerk, shall deliver a copy of the brief to the opposing party and to the municipal judge.

(e) The record and the briefs on appeal shall be limited as far as possible to the questions relied on for reversal.

Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 811, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 31, 1987. Renumbered from Government Code Sec. 30.500 by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 8.02, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Renumbered from Sec. 30.00020 and amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 691, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Amended by:

Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 37 (S.B. 1014), Sec. 6, eff. May 9, 2005.

Sec. 30.00022. NEW TRIAL. The trial court shall decide from the briefs of the parties whether the appellant should be permitted to withdraw the notice of appeal and be granted a new trial by the court. The court may grant a new trial at any time before the record is filed with the appellate court.

Added by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 691, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 30.00023. COURT RULES. (a) Except as modified by this subchapter, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure govern the trial of cases before the municipal courts of record. The courts may make and enforce all rules of practice and procedure necessary to expedite the trial of cases before the courts that are not inconsistent with law.

(b) The appellate courts may make and enforce all rules of practice and procedure that are not inconsistent with law and that are necessary to expedite the dispatch of appeals from the municipal courts of record.

Added by Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 811, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 31, 1987. Renumbered from Government Code Sec. 30.501 by Acts 1997, 75th Leg., ch. 165, Sec. 8.02, eff. Sept. 1, 1997. Renumbered from Sec. 30.00021 and amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 691, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 30.00024. DISPOSITION ON APPEAL. (a) According to the law and the nature of the case, the appellate court may:

(1) affirm the judgment of the municipal court of record;

(2) reverse and remand for a new trial;

Court Reporters in Corpus Christi

CSR #	Last Name	First Name	Business Name	Business Address	City	Phone	Fac	Email Ad
2152	Aguiar	Onia	NUECES COUNTY COURTHOUSE	901 LEOPARD ST. #304.D5	CORPUS CH	361-888-0662		oaguiar@nsc.com
5051	Aguiar	Evelyn	NUECES COUNTY	105TH DISTRICT COURT	CORPUS CH	361-888-0319		evelyn0030@sboglobal.net
4944	Anderson	Teresa	ANDERSON REPORTING	PO BOX 181001	CORPUS CH	361-777-3675		
6289	Bram	Karise	KARISE BRAM	PO BOX 270461	CORPUS CH	361-215-5907		karisebram@nsc.com
2613	Carlier	Molly	MOLLY CARTIER	2714 TUMBLEWEED	CORPUS CH	361-945-2525		mollycarlier24@gmail.com
6279	Chandler	Kevin	CHANDLER & COMPANY, LLC	5418 WOODBRIDGE ROAD	CORPUS CH	361-952-0477		kevin@chandlerco.com
8556	Chandler	Sarah	CHANDLER & COMPANY, LLC	5418 WOODBRIDGE RD	CORPUS CH	361-952-0480		kevin@chandlerco.com
2657	Chavez	Sarah	14TH DISTRICT COURT	501 LEOPARD STREET	CORPUS CH	361-952-0477		sarah.chandler.cs@sboglobal.net
4017	Danton	Fred	CLANTON & ASSOCIATES	4818 OAK WOOD CIRCLE	CORPUS CH	361-876-2054		fredc1946@gmail.com
211	Condit	Linda	LINDA SMILEY CONDIT, CSR, RPR	401 N. TANCAHUA	CORPUS CH	361-563-1685		brandonc1@sboglobal.net
5006	Corrion	Isabel	ISABEL CONNOR	6305 LEGACY POINT	CORPUS CH	361-658-8999		icorrioncs@gmail.com
9234	Esperoueta	Z.	NUECES COUNTY	901 LEOPARD #402	CORPUS CH	361-888-0634		blanca.esperoueta@nsc.com
2558	Feras	Maricela	MARIA BENITEZ GALLEGOS	4426 SHAW STREET	CORPUS CH	361-813-3781		maricela_herry@yahoo.com
6285	Galegos	Maria	MARIA BENITEZ GALLEGOS	5330 BURTON LN	CORPUS CH	361-837-3744		mgalegos2008@yahoo.com
1191	Garcia	Heather	HEATHER S. GARCIA	1626 CANTERLA BAY DR	CORPUS CH	361-739-7123		waltingh@nsc.com
4652	Grigg	Kimberly	KIMBERLY GRIGG	4210 WOOD RIVER DR	CORPUS CH	361-888-0379		kctgrigg@aol.com
2874	Haney	Mira	NUECES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 374TH DIST. CT.	901 LEOPARD	CORPUS CH	361-888-0795		mhaney@slr.net
3937	Hirojosa	Rebecca	REBECCA HIROJOSA	4405 O'CASEY	CORPUS CH	361-857-8516		ahirojosa@yahoo.com
4627	Hsieh	Kari	NUECES COUNTY	214TH DISTRICT COURT	CORPUS CH	361-888-0671		
4776	Kerr	Sydia	SYLVIA KERR, CSR	P.O. BOX 6491	CORPUS CH	361-888-0463		skerrcs@yahoo.com
9129	Leon	Mandi	MANDI ALVAREZ	7510 FORT GRIFFEN DR	CORPUS CH	361-964-9310		screece@hotmail.com
8563	Lopez	Clarissa	DEPOTEXAS	615 N. UPPER BROADWAY, #1450	CORPUS CH	361-883-3411		depoctexas@yahoo.com
8279	Lumbraez	Julie	JULIE LUMBRAEZ	7101 WINDROCK LN	CORPUS CH	361-537-0617		julie.lumbraez@yahoo.com
6632	Lund	Wendy	WENDY A. LUND	301-A CARREL PKWY	CORPUS CH	361-854-3691		wlund@intercom.net
8839	Melano	Leah	SELF-EMPLOYED	7233 SUGAR RIDGE	CORPUS CH	361-853-9314		lovelyfeast10@yahoo.com
7150	Martinez Serra	Onia	NUECES COUNTY COURT 2	901 LEOPARD ST.	CORPUS CH	361-888-0629		lillesena27@aol.net
778	Moklesley	Gerry	AKVRET DEPOTEXAS	615 N. UPPER BROADWAY #1450	CORPUS CH	361-882-3355		361-882-9037
4292	Morales	Patricia	COUNTY COURT AT LAW #1	901 LEOPARD ST. RM #701	CORPUS CH	361-888-0253		Patricia.morales@nsc.com
4663	Morales	Patricia	PATRICIA MORALES	PO BOX 5979	CORPUS CH	361-215-3025		moralesps@yahoo.com
2323	Marano	Laura	NUECES COUNTY	901 LEOPARD	CORPUS CH	361-888-0387		lmarcs@aol.com
4918	Morris	Phyllis	PHYLLIS A. MORRIS	6113 SAN RAMON DR	CORPUS CH	361-591-1399		phmorris@sboglobal.net
5077	Muniz-Vilason	Joanna	VERBATIM COURT REPORTING	4833 SARATOGA BLVD #327	CORPUS CH	361-465-2000		joannavilason@yahoo.com
1194	Oflier	Kary	NUECES COUNTY	901 LEOPARD ST. RM 801.01	CORPUS CH	361-888-0645		kuoflier@gmail.com
9137	Ortiz	Victoria	COUNTY COURT AT LAW #5, NUECES COUNTY	466 ASHLAND DRIVE	CORPUS CH	361-547-257		361-561-6063
3816	Perez-Beem	Bernice	VALERIA ORTIZ	2310 GOLLUJAR RD	CORPUS CH	361-561-6142		valeria.ortiz@nsc.com
7142	Portales	Onia	BERNICE PEREZ-BEEM	3636 S. ALAMEDA FMSB #158	CORPUS CH			bperazcs@yahoo.com
8445	Ramirez	Jessica	OLIVIA PORTALES	4106 REB-FELD RD	CORPUS CH	361-815-2027		portaleso@sboglobal.net
4023	Rendon	Rebecca	NUECES COUNTY COURTHOUSE	901 LEOPARD ST. #704	CORPUS CH	361-888-0253		361-888-0724
5429	Rios	Raquel	28TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT	901 LEOPARD	CORPUS CH	361-888-0634		rebecca.rendon@nsc.com
4626	Rivera	Sara	RAQUEL RIOS	530 GREENWAY DRIVE	CORPUS CH	361-952-6280		info@accseminars.com
9205	Rodriguez	Skyler	NUECES COUNTY COURTHOUSE	901 LEOPARD STREET, ROOM 402	CORPUS CH	361-888-0209		361-888-0751
8723	Saenz	Valeria	SKYLAR RODRIGUEZ	5713 WAFSONNE	CORPUS CH	361-688-9609		derocid@nsc.com
5974	Santers Williams	Sindy	NUECES COUNTY	901 LEOPARD ST. #402	CORPUS CH	361-888-0239		velerisa@nsc.com
5956	Soto	Patricia	U.S. LEGAL SUPPORT, INC.	900 N. WATER ST. #500-SOUTH	CORPUS CH	361-883-1716		psotocsr@gmail.com
2733	Trevino	Sydia	PATRICIA SOTO	3118 ROSS ST.	CORPUS CH	361-563-0740		SYLVITREV@AOL.COM
7030	Villanar	Veronica	SYLVIA D. TREVINO	1822 SPANISH TRAIL	CORPUS CH	361-960-2062		
2777	Walls	Mary	DEPOTEXAS	615 N. UPPER BROADWAY #1450	CORPUS CH	361-883-3411		
8795	Winston	Julie	DEPOTEXAS	1450 WELLS FARGO	CORPUS CH	361-728-4688		csr2777@aol.com
			JULIE WINSTON	3626 WICKERSHAM	CORPUS CH	210-663-7422		