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JUDGE, COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1
BELL COUNTY

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REMOTE HEARING POLICY IN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1

Pursuant to the Order of the Texas Supreme Court dated May 26, 2021, the requirement that courts in Texas allow remote hearings and consider as evidence sworn statements made out of court expires on **August 1, 2021**.

Therefore, effective August 1, 2021, all trials, hearings and other proceedings in Bell County Court at Law No. 1 shall be conducted in person, unless the court shall have granted permission for the trial, hearing or proceeding to be conducted remotely.

Consent for remote hearings shall be granted only for good cause and not for the convenience of the parties and/or the attorneys. It is possible for one or more of the participants in the trial, hearing or proceeding to appear remotely if good cause is shown and permission is granted by the court.

This policy shall apply to any trial or hearing for which a notice has previously been sent indicating that the trial or hearing will be conducted on Lifesize. Therefore, unless express consent is granted by the court after this date, the trial or hearing will be conducted in person.

Also effective August 1, 2021, County Court at Law No. 1 will not consider sworn statements made out of court as evidence, unless such sworn statement is admissible as evidence pursuant to the Texas Rules of Evidence.

Trials, hearings and proceedings which are permitted to be conducted remotely shall be subject to the Bell County Court at Law No. 1 Local Rules, including rules regarding attire and conduct in the court room.

Judge Jeanne Parker
County Court at Law No. 1