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Curt B. Henderson Law Library

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Notary Policy

Library staff are Notaries.

Eligible Documents:

We notarize English-language **U.S. documents.**

We do **not** notarize **recordable** documents (e.g. birth certificate, marriage license.)

We do **not** notarize **wills.**

We do **not** notarize **foreign documents.**

What identification we require:

The signer must show a **valid U.S. photo identification card.**

The signer must sign the document in the Notary's presence.

We do not charge to notarize a document.

Pro Se Clinic

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas provides legal help for low-income people on

Thursdays, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
in the **429th District Court**

Reminders

Hours of Operation:

Monday–Friday

8:00 am–5:00 pm

Payment Policy: **CASH only**

Copies and Forms:

Less than 10 pages are free

10 pages or more are \$0.10/page

Note: Computers automatically delete downloads at 4:50 PM

Library Closure



The Law Library will be closed on
Monday, September 1, 2025
for Labor Day

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Transfer on Death Deed

A Transfer on Death Deed is a way to transfer real estate to someone else upon your death outside the probate system.

The Texas Access to Justice Commission has created a Texas Transfer Toolkit:

texasatj.org/texas-transfer-toolkit

It includes a Transfer on Death Deed with instructions.

A Transfer on Death Deed must be:

Notarized; and

Recorded with the County Clerk of the county where the property is located.



Wills

The Law Library has Will forms approved by the Supreme Court of Texas.

Available forms include Wills, in English or Spanish, for:

Single/Widowed/ Divorced with no children (\$1.00);

Single/Widowed/Divorced with children (\$1.00);

Married with no children (\$1.00);

Married with children (\$2.00)



Key Laws passed in 89th Legislative Session

House Bill 18: “Boosting Rural Healthcare Access,” this bill establishes the State Office of Rural Hospital Finance. The new office will help rural healthcare providers access technical assistance and a suite of grants aimed at financial stability, emergency relief, innovation, and overall hospital support. By addressing these gaps in rural healthcare the bill is aimed to reduce the growing issue of disparity in health outcomes between urban and rural Texas residents.

House Bill 718: “Goodbye, Temporary Tags,” starting July 1, 2025 there will be no more temporary license plates. All vehicle buyers in Texas must receive hard, metal plates at the point of sale. This process is aimed to reduce fraud and crime related to counterfeit tags.

House Bill 1481: “Statewide Cellphone Ban in K-12 Classrooms,” this bill mandates all public school districts in Texas to adopt policies restricting cellphone use during the school day. This law gives districts flexibility in how they enforce the ban, from requiring devices to be locked in magnetic pouches to instructing students to keep phones in lockers or backpacks.

Senate Bill 6: “Strengthening the Grid,” this bill effective June 20, 2025 targets large power users such as data centers and industrial facilities. Under the law facilities consuming 75 megawatts or more must have backup generators and install a kill switch that allows the state to disconnect power remotely during critical grid emergencies.

Senate Bill 31: “Life of the Mother Act,” offers clarity to physicians facing emergency pregnancy situations. This bill allows licensed doctors to perform an abortion if a pregnant patient faces life-threatening conditions or serious physical harm due to pregnancy. The updated language in the bill gives doctors more room to exercise medical judgment without the fear of legal consequences, while maintaining the core structure of Texas’s existing abortion law.

www.localprofile.com/news/texas-key-laws-legislative-wave-10910656



New on the Shelf

- O'Connor's Federal Rules Civil Trials—2025
- O'Connor's Texas Civil Forms— 2025
- O'Connor's Texas Rules Civil Trials— 2025
- Texas Elder Law— 2025 edition
- Texas Jury Pattern Charges— Business 2024
- Texas Jury Pattern Charges— Family & Probate 2024
- Texas Jury Pattern Charges— Oil & Gas 2024
- Texas Jury Pattern Charges— General Negligence 2024
- Texas Jury Pattern Charges— Malpractice 2024



Legal Humor

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"Did you or did you not perform the fake ball toss on my client, causing irreparable humiliation?"

