

Law Library

Newsletter

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DALLAS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

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Dallas, TX 75202

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Monday - Friday
8:00AM - 4:30PM



Pro Bono Legal Advice for Dallas County Tenants
Facing Eviction

We empower Dallas County tenants to maintain
housing security by providing free legal assistance.

The Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center serves tenants
in Dallas county facing eviction. Our services include
providing pro bono legal advice and representation.
DEAC assists all Dallas County tenants regardless of
income, race, immigration status, or native
language.

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Spotlight on: Resources for Tenants

An effective right-to-counsel program provides a notable opportunity to improve the lives of the affected households, achieve substantial economic and fiscal benefits, and improve the overall quality of life throughout Dallas County

On average, Dallas County families face eviction lawsuits more than 4,000 times each month and more than 950 times each week. According to the Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center, a legal aid organization, at least half of the families sued for eviction are parents raising children, and about one-third are single mothers.

nbcdfw.com/investigations/squeezed-dallas-county-tarrant-county-eviction-families/3946843/

Dallas County Justice Courts

Commonly known as the “People’s Court,” Dallas County currently has 10 justice courts dedicated to serving the people of their community

Each Judge is elected to a four-year term by the voters in that precinct.

What Justice Courts Do

- The Justice Court is a trial court for both civil cases (jurisdictional limit is \$20,000), Class C misdemeanor criminal cases and traffic cases.
- Evictions: Justices oversee landlord-tenant disputes and eviction proceedings.
- The Judge of the Justice Court also serves as an Administrative Hearing Judge overseeing Towing, Property Seizures, Driver’s License Suspension, and Handgun License Revocations hearings.

Justice Courts

Judge Jones, JP 1-1

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Judge Nash, JP 1-2

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Judge O’Brien, JP 2-1

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Judge Whitfield, JP 2-2

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Judge Swartz, JP 3-1

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Judge Seider, JP 3-2

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Judge Jones, 4-1

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Judge Moreno, JP 4-2

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Judge Martinez, JP 5-1

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Judge Jasso, JP 5-2

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Low-Income Family Law Clinic

Wednesdays

830am-Noon

George Allen Courthouse, 600 Commerce St.
Law Library

Walk-In clinic staffed by attorneys
Eligibility requirements apply
Applicants seen in order of arrival

Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Modifications, Name Change, Adoption, & Protective Orders

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