

Law Library

Newsletter

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DALLAS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

George L. Allen Sr. Courts Building

600 Commerce Street
Suite B40 (Basement)
Dallas, TX 75202

Email:
LawLibrary@dallascounty.org

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
8:00AM - 4:30PM

Dallas County Alternative Dispute Resolution Center

The purpose of the Dallas County Dispute Resolution Center (DCDRC) is to serve the residents of Dallas County by offering them an affordable alternative to resolving disputes

Goals

- To provide relief to the court dockets by allowing those cases that qualify, the option of subsidized mediation services through the DCDRC.
- To offer opportunities for mediators to "give back" to the Dallas county community, by providing their services on a pro bono basis.
- To give hope to Dallas county residents who truly need assistance in resolving their legal matter, through the process of mediation.

<https://www.dallascounty.org/government/courts/ADR/>

SMU Vansickle Family Law Clinic

<https://www.smu.edu/Law/Clinics/Vansickle-Family-Law>



Coming
IN SEPTEMBER

Self-Help Desk

Where:

George Allen Courthouse, 600 Commerce St., Dallas
2nd Floor, Training Room 220 AB

Helping YOU fill out forms
Focused on Uncontested Divorces and
Modifications

Dallas County Probate Courts

What Probate Courts Do

The Dallas County Probate Courts are a statutorily created probate court system headed by elected judges. In general, a probate court probates the wills of deceased persons, declares the heirs of deceased persons who die without a will, establishes guardianships for incapacitated persons and minors, and supervises court-ordered involuntary mental health commitments in Dallas County.

A probate court also has jurisdiction to hear lawsuits appertaining to or incident to an estate of a decedent or ward as well as actions by or against a personal representative of a decedent's or ward's estate. These ancillary cases cover a wide range of topics, from product liability to fiduciary litigation to medical malpractice to family law.

Probate Courts

The Probate Court

Presiding Judge Julia R. Malveaux
Associate Judge Mary Jayne McNeil
George Allen Courts Building
600 Commerce Street, 7th Floor
Suite 100
Dallas, TX 75202



Probate Court No. 2

Presiding Judge Ingrid M. Warren
Associate Judge Ryan Trobee
George Allen Courts Building
600 Commerce Street, 7th Floor
Suite 200
Dallas, TX 75202

Probate Court No. 3

Presiding Judge Margaret Jones-Johnson
Associate Judge Tomi Shehan
George Allen Courts Building
600 Commerce Street, 7th Floor
Suite 300
Dallas, TX 75202

<https://www.dallascounty.org/government/courts/probate>

At the Law Library



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The eBook collection contains Dorsaneo's Texas Litigation Guide, Texas Family & Procedures, Search & Seizure and other valuable legal resources.

LexisNexis Digital Library can be accessed at the Law Library or remotely.



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

<https://legalaidthx.org/>

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