

UNCONTESTED DOCKET **425TH DISTRICT COURT**

The uncontested docket for the 425th District Court will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. prior to the regular docket. **Please contact Jennifer Bolton, Court Administrator, via email jbolton@wilco.org or (512) 943-3380 to schedule your court appearance.**

On the date of your hearing, please arrive **prior to 9:00 a.m.** and submit your Order/Decree of Divorce to the Judge's office **before** taking a seat in the courtroom.

Any person appearing Pro Se shall be prepared to follow all appropriate procedures, be able to testify without assistance from the Court and provide the Court with a **completed** Order/Decree of Divorce. Any person not meeting these criteria will not be heard.

Neither the Court nor personnel of the District Clerk's office can practice law for you or give you legal advice. Please do not ask them to do so.

Information may be obtained from local and state websites including, but not limited to: www.texaslawhelp.org or www.tyla.org/family_law.html

PRO SE INFORMATION

If you are representing yourself (Pro Se) in a divorce, please understand the following: You **must** present a complete decree that resolves all issues. The Court will not review the decree for completion and will not confirm that the decree is properly drafted. You cannot rely on the Court signing the decree as a representation that the decree is accurate and actually resolves all of the issues as you wish or that it adequately covers all of the issues you have a right to have covered.

You must also follow the Rules of the Courtroom:

- Always address the Judge as “YOUR HONOR”;
- Dress appropriately. Shorts, flip-flops, tank tops, jogging/sweat suits, sagging pants, T-shirt and sleeveless shirts are **not** permitted in the courtroom;
- Do not type or text-message on cellular phones or other devices;
- Do not read newspapers, magazines, or other items except official papers;
- Do not bring food, bottles, paper cups, or beverage containers into the courtroom;
- Do not prop feet on tables, chairs, or benches;
- Do not make noises or talk in a manner which interferes with court, this includes talking on or answering cell phones;
- Do not allow cellular phones to ring or make any noise (including vibrating at such a level that can be heard);
- Do not use any tobacco products;
- Before entering a courtroom where court is in session, a person should first remove sunglasses, overcoat, hat, etc.
- No person should, by any facial expression, shaking of the head, or any other conduct, exhibit approval or disapproval of any testimony or any statement or transaction in the courtroom.

When your name is called and the case is called, you will come up to the red line in front of the Judge. You will be sworn in. You will then read the following testimony LOUD ENOUGH for the Court Reporter to take it down. After you finish, the Judge will review your decree, sign off on it and give you the file to take to the District Clerk’s office to receive your copy.

1. Your Honor, my name is _____ and I am the Petitioner in this suit for divorce.
2. I am presently married to _____. I understand my responsibility in regards to drafting the decree.
3. At the time I filed for divorce, I was a legal resident of Texas for the preceding 6 month period and a resident of Williamson County for the preceding 90 day period.

4. My spouse and I stopped living together as husband and wife on or about _____.
5. My marriage to my spouse has become insupportable because of a discord or conflict of personalities that destroys the legitimate ends of the marriage relationship.
6. There is no reasonable expectation of reconciliation.
7. There were _____ children born or adopted during this marriage. (if divorce with children state the following) The provisions in this order affecting the child(ren) are in the best interest of the child(ren).
8. I am not currently expecting a child.
9. I am requesting the Court approve the division of property as set out in the decree.
10. This is a fair and equitable division of all community property and debts.
11. There (IS / IS NOT) a request for a name change. (if requested, state the following) _____'s name is requested to be changed to _____.
12. I have provided the Court with a Final Decree of Divorce which bears my signature and the signature of my spouse.
13. I respectfully ask the Court to grant me a divorce and approve all provisions in the Final Decree of Divorce.