



Court of Criminal Appeals

State of Texas

Supreme Court Building
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Austin, TX 78701
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In 2004, the Appellate Section of the State Bar of Texas and the Court of Criminal Appeals worked together to identify key information needed by appellate attorneys and pro se litigants to practice effectively before the court. To assist the court in this effort, the Appellate Section collected and formatted the relevant information and published it in the Appellate Advocate in February 2005. The Appellate Section and the court updated the information in March 2007. Hereafter, the court intends to keep the information updated for the use of persons with matters before the court.

Internal Operating Procedures – Court of Criminal Appeals **(September 1, 2011)**

The Basics

1. Address: Court of Criminal Appeals, P.O. Box 12308, Austin, TX 78711 or Supreme Court Bldg, 201 W. 14th St., Austin, TX 78701
2. Telephone numbers: Phone: (512) 463-1551; Fax: (512) 463-7061
3. Website address: <http://www.cca.courts.state.tx.us>
4. Judges: Presiding Judge Sharon Keller, Serving Judges Lawrence E. Meyers, Tom Price, Paul Womack, Cheryl Johnson, Michael Keasler, Barbara Hervey, Cathy Cochran, and Elsa Alcalá
5. Clerk of the Court: Louise Pearson
6. Local Rules: None

The Ins and Outs

PROCEDURE	WHAT AND HOW TO FILE	HOW HANDLED	COURT'S PARTICULAR PRACTICES	SPECIAL NOTES
Motions	Original only of motions for extension of time; Original plus 11 copies of all other motions	First motions for extension of time are routinely granted. Motions for extension of time must comply with TRAP 10.5(b) and 68.2(c).		
Briefs	Original plus 11 copies		Briefs must comply with TRAP 38 and 71.3 Amendment and supplementation is allowed only with leave of Court.	

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Oral Argument	n/a	The Court will designate whether a case requires oral argument. Notification of such designation shall be sent to counsel along with notification of submission. If counsel desires oral argument and the Court has not so designated the case, counsel may petition the Court within 30 days of the submission notification.	The total maximum time for oral argument is 20 minutes per side. If a motion for rehearing is granted and the cause re-submitted, oral argument is limited to 15 minutes per side	Multiple additional citations should not be made orally during argument, but should be reduced to writing and filed with the Clerk.
Opinions			Orders are released Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.	
Motions for Rehearing	Original plus 11 copies			

Technology

1. Westlaw and Lexis are both available to the Court.
2. The Court does not accept fax filings.
3. The Court does not accept electronic filings.
4. The Court posts its orders on its website at this URL:
<http://www.cca.courts.state.tx.us/opinions/docketsearch.asp> .
5. The Court makes audio recordings of oral arguments available on CD-Rom for \$5.