

Mental Health Warrants Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on mental health warrants. A mental health warrant is “an application issued by an administrative agency requesting a magistrate order an emergency mental health assessment for an individual that is at risk to themselves or others.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code

- Ch. 137 Declarations for Mental Health Treatment
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/html/CP.137.htm>

Texas Health and Safety Code

- Subchapter C. Texas Mental Health Code Chs. 571-578
 - Ch. 573 Emergency Detention
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/html/HS.573.htm>
 - Ch. 574 Court-Ordered Mental Health Services
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/html/HS.574.htm>
 - Ch. 576 Rights of Patients
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/html/HS.576.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4

- Vol. 24, Ch. 415 Mental Commitments

Online Resources

Committed to Healing: Involuntary Commitment Procedures (TYLA)

<https://tyla.org/resource/committed-to-healing-involuntary-commitment-procedures/>

Mental Health Warrants (MHMR)

<https://www.mhmrtarrant.org/mental-health-warrants/>

Justice of the Peace Courts

(<https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts.html>)

- Emergency Mental Health Commitments (Mental Warrant) Justice of the Peace Court 1
<https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-1/driver-s-license-suspension-hearings/emergency-mental-health-commitments-mental-warrant.html>
- Emergency Mental Health Commitments (Mental Warrant) Justice of the Peace Court 2
<https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-2/civil-cases/emergency-mental-health-commitments-mental-warrant.html>
- Emergency Mental Health Commitments (Mental Warrant) Justice of the Peace Court 3
<https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-3/emergency-mental-health-commitments-mental-warrant1.html>
- Emergency Mental Health Commitments (Mental Warrant) Justice of the Peace Court 4

<https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-4/emergency-mental-health-commitments-mental-warrant.html>

- Emergency Mental Health Commitments (Mental Warrant) Justice of the Peace Court 6 <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-6/civil-cases/emergency-mental-health-commitments-mental-warrant.html>
- Emergency Mental Health Commitments (Mental Warrant) Justice of the Peace Court 7 <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-7/emergency-mental-health-commitments-mental-warrant.html>
- Emergency Mental Health Commitments (Mental Warrant) Justice of the Peace Court 8 <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-8/emergency-mental-health-commitments-mental-warrant.html>

- Mental Illness Interview and Collection of Information – Request by Magistrate (TJCTC) <https://docs.gato.txst.edu/227226/Request%20for%20Art.%2016.22%20Interview%20and%20Report.docx>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up <https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)

Probate Courts

(<https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/probate-courts.html>)

- Mental Health (Probate Court 1) <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/en/probate-courts/probate-court-1/mental-health.html>
- Statement of Services and Expenses by Mental Health Attorney (Probate Court 2) <https://www.tarrantcountytx.gov/content/dam/main/probate-courts/probate-court-2/ATTORNEY-AD-LITEM-SHEET-1-2-21.pdf>

Texas Law Help Article: Involuntary Commitment in Texas

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/involuntary-commitment-in-texas>

TJCTC (<https://www.tjctc.org/>)

- Mental Illness Interview – Report to Magistrate <https://docs.gato.txst.edu/227231/Mental%20Illness%20Interview%20and%20Collection%20of%20Information%20Report%20to%20Magistrate.docx>