

# Landlord/Tenant Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide is designed to provide information and resources for landlord/tenant issues, such as repairs, evictions, and natural disasters, and including appellate issues, such as filing a supersedeas bond. The resources listed below are not exhaustive, and there may be additional applications not included.

See also: Law Library handouts for *Civil Captions, Eviction, Appealing an Eviction, Landlord Tenant, Steps in the Civil Litigation Process* at the reference desk.

## Statutes & Codes

**Texas Property Code KFT 1310 .A333**  
[www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)  
or Inquire at Reference Desk

**Texas Property Code: Title 4:**  
Chapter 24: Forcible Entry & Detainer  
Notice to Vacate (form) per chapter 24.005  
Appeal chapter 24.007

**Texas Property Code: Title 8:**  
Chapter 91: Provisions Generally Applicable to  
Landlords & Tenants  
Chapter 92: Residential Tenancies  
Chapter 93: Commercial Tenancies  
Chapter 94: Manufactured Home Tenancies

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Texas Rules of Civil Procedure: 510 Rules:**  
Inquire at Reference Desk for Desk Copy  
[www.txcourts.gov](http://www.txcourts.gov) : Rules and Forms – Rules &  
Standards—Texas Rules of Civil Procedure

## Dorsaneo's Texas Litigation Guide – KFT1730 .T4

- Volume 10 Ch. 148: Suspending Enforcement Appeal
- Volume 10, Ch. 148.53 Supersedeas Bond
- Volume 18 Chapter 282 Landlord Tenant

**Texas Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Guide KFT 1730 .A65 T482** (aka Texas Forms Pleading and Practice) Volume 8A, Chapter 156

See also: Texas Justice Court Training Center binders.  
Inquire at Reference Desk

## CLE Materials

### Advanced Civil Appellate Practice KFT 1755.A75S7

- 2018 Ch. 3: Supreme Court of Texas Update, Section XXVI. Procedure – Appellate, Subsection B. Supersedeas Bonds, p. 63.

### Litigation Update Institute Course KFT 1738.A2S7

- 2013 Ch. 1: Supreme Court of Texas Update by Elizabeth (Heidi) Bloch, Section XXX. Procedure – Trial and Post-Trial – Subsection H. Supersedeas Deposit, p. 66

## Online Resources

### General Landlord/Tenant Resources

- Texas State Law Library Research Guide Landlord Tenant Law  
<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/landlord-tenant-law>
- Mold and Renters' Rights in Texas  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/faqs-%E2%80%93-mold-renter%E2%80%99s-rights-texas>

- Texas State Law Library – Failure to Repair <https://guides.sll.texas.gov/landlord-tenant-law/failure-to-repair>.
- Texas Tenant Advisor <https://texastenant.org/>

- Lone Star Legal Aid has provided a guide on Renter’s Rights related to Winter Storm Uri. It is accessible at [https://texaslawhelp.org/sites/default/files/renters\\_rights\\_2021\\_hotline.pdf](https://texaslawhelp.org/sites/default/files/renters_rights_2021_hotline.pdf).
- The State Bar of Texas also has Disaster Relief Services listed at <https://www.texasbar.com/Content/NavigationMenu/ForThePublic/DisasterReliefResources1/default.htm>.
- Electric Utility Rights in Texas <https://texaslawhelp.org/toolkit/i-want-know-more-about-my-electric-utility-rights-texas>

### Eviction and COVID-19

- Tarrant County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/county/social-services/rental-assistance-application.html>
- Texas Rent Relief <https://texasrentrelief.com/>
- Fort Worth Housing Solutions <https://www.fwhs.org/erap/>
- Texas Justice Court Training Center <https://www.tjctc.org/coronavirus.html>
- Texas Law Help – Eviction Information <https://texaslawhelp.org/eviction-information>
- Texas Law Help – Eviction & Other Landlord Issues <https://texaslawhelp.org/house-apartment/eviction-other-landlord-issues>
- Appealing an Eviction <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/appealing-eviction>

### Natural Disaster Assistance

- Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid created a Legal Self-Help Guide for Texas Tenants Affected by Natural Disaster. [https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b58f65a96d455e767cf70d4/t/5b7ed6334d7a9ca6d5aef7c7/1535039029129/A Legal Self-Help Guide for Tenants Affected by Natural Disaster v3.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5b58f65a96d455e767cf70d4/t/5b7ed6334d7a9ca6d5aef7c7/1535039029129/A+Legal+Self-Help+Guide+for+Tenants+Affected+by+Natural+Disaster+v3.pdf)
- Links to resources for Winter Storm Disaster Assistance can be found on Tarrant County’s website at: <http://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/main/en/county/winter-storm.html>.
- Texas Law Help website: <https://texaslawhelp.org/offer/winter-storm-uri-disaster-relief-and-recovery>.
- Renter’s Rights and Disaster Relief <https://texaslawhelp.org/article/renters-rights-and-disaster-relief>

## 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)