

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.

Related guides: Guardianship of the Person

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/htm/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/htm/HS.573.htm>
 - Ch. 574 Court-Ordered Mental Health Services
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.574.htm>
 - Ch. 576 Rights of Patients
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.576.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4

- Vol. 24, Ch. 415 Mental Commitments

Texas Small-Firm Practice Tools REF KFT 1277.5 .S6T4

- Vol. 2, Ch. 13 Guardianships §13:30 Involuntary Commitment

Texas Guardianship Manual REF KFT 1306 .T49

- Ch. 2, Section III. Mental-Health Commitments
 - § 2.31-2.37
- Ch. 16 Mental Health and Involuntary Commitment

Online Resources

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.tarrantcountytexas.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.tarrantcountytexas.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.tarrantcountytexas.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.tarrantcountytexas.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.tarrantcountytexas.gov/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-8/emergency-mental-health-commitments-mental-warrant.html>

Tarrant County Probate Courts
(<https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/en/probate-courts.html>)

- Mental Health (Probate Court 1) <https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/en/probate-courts/probate-court-1/mental-health0.html>
- Statement of Services and Expenses by Mental Health Attorney (Probate Court 2) <https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/content/dam/main/probate-courts/probate-court-2/ATTORNEY-AD-LITEM-SHEET-1-2-21.pdf>

Committed to Healing: Involuntary Commitment Procedures (TYLA)
<https://tyla.org/resource/committed-to-healing-involuntary-commitment-procedures/>

Involuntary Commitment in Texas (Texas Law Help)
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/involuntary-commitment-in-texas>

Texas Justice Court Training Center (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>
- 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)