

## Hockley County

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## ZOOM CRIMINAL HEARING INSTRUCTIONS

When scheduling a Guilty Plea please be aware that at this time, due to social distancing requirements, I will conduct all hearings by Zoom. Please be sure to complete all of the following steps:

- 1. You will need to confirm an exact date and time with the Court for a guilty plea.
- 2. When you schedule a guilty plea you will need to provide the email address of each person who will be present so that a Zoom invite may be sent.
- 3. The Defendant must appear via Zoom, a telephone appearance will not suffice.
- 4. All paperwork must be signed by the Defendant, Defense Attorney and Prosecutor and have the thumbprint on the documents. An Electronic signature is acceptable. The thumbprint must be done at a law enforcement center or probation office. Documents may then be sent via e-filing.
- 5. All signed documents must be in my e-filing before the hearing begins.
- 6. If your client is in the Hockley County Jail, the jail will allow you to go over the paperwork ahead of time before the actual plea date.