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HARRIS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW # 1

August 25, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

As you are aware, we are preparing for hurricane Harvey. After consultation with the District Courts and other county officials, the County Criminal Courts at Law will be closed on Monday, August 28, 2017. Court closure decisions for Tuesday and Wednesday, August 29th and 30th will be made as the storm progresses. We will keep you updated as soon as those decisions are made. However, in anticipation of dangerous conditions next week, a proactive plan to reschedule *bond cases* has been implemented as follows:

Monday, August 28, 2017 will automatically be rescheduled to Monday, September 11, 2017.

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 will automatically be rescheduled to Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

Wednesday, August 30, 2017 will automatically be rescheduled to Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

This plan does not preclude individual court coordinators and attorneys from off-docketing individual cases to different dates. This plan will automatically reset those cases on the above dates which have not been manually rescheduled by the coordinators in communication with the effected attorney.

Individuals who are released from jail between August 26, 2017 and September 1, 2017 will be given an automatic 7-day arraignment setting. Individuals who are *not* released from jail will still be given the next day automatic bail review hearing.

Please watch for emails and notices for updated information. You can also check www.ccl.hctx.net for the latest updates and decisions. Thank you for your continued patience in this matter and be safe.

Sincerely,

Paula Goodhart
Presiding Judge
Harris County Criminal Courts at Law