

Retaining or Reinstating a Case Research Guide

Overview

This research guide is designed to provide information and forms for retaining (keeping your case from dismissal) or reinstating your case (reopening a case that has been vacated by a judge). 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 & Codes

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

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure

- Rule 165(a) and Rule 306(a)(4)
<https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/rules-standards/>

Secondary Resources in Print

Dorsaneo's Texas Litigation Guide KFT 1730.T4

- Vol. 7, Ch. 103 Dismissal

Texas Family Law Practice and Procedure KFT 1294.F35

- Vol. 2, Task E, Forms, E5.142 Motion and Order to Reinstate Case Dismissed for Want of Prosecution

Texas Pretrial Practice KFT 1737.T4B7

- Vol. 2, Ch. 37 Default Judgment and Dismissals

CLE Materials

Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course KFT 1755 A75S7

- 2020 Ch. 1 Supreme Court of Texas Update

- 2020 Ch. 12 Plenary Power and Post-Judgment Motions in State and Federal Court
- 2020 Ch. 19 TCPA: A Shifting Tide in 2020

Advanced Administrative Law Course KFT 1640.A75S7

- 2020 Ch. 3 Procedure Due Process in Contested Case Proceedings

Online Resources

How to Retain or Reinstate a Case Dismissed by the Court

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/how-to-retain-or-reinstate-a-case-dismissed-by-the-court>

County Court at Law No. 2 Dismissal Procedures:

<https://access.tarrantcounty.com/en/civil-courts/county-courts/county-court-at-law-2/court-rules/dismissal-procedures.html>

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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)