Harris County Justice of the Peace Courts

NOTICE

The Texas Supreme Court has finally approved Rules of Practice in Justice Courts which will go into effect on August 31, 2013.

The Small Claims Court in Texas will be abolished on August 31, 2013. All cases pending in the Small Claims Court on August 31, 2013, will be transferred to the Justice Court, and will be governed by the new Rules of Practice in Justice Courts.

All cases filed in the Justice Courts on or after August 31, 2013 will be defined as Small Claims Cases or Debt Claim Cases.

The new Rules of Practice in Justice Courts also include new rules for Eviction.

To view the new Rules for Justice Court cases go to:

http://tools.cira.state.tx.us/users/0136/docs/TEXAS%20RULES%20FOR%20CIVIL%20SUITS.pdf

The Rules of Practice in Justice Courts require the Justice Courts to make the rules of Evidence available for examination. To view the Rules of Evidence go

to: http://www.txcourts.gov/media/514734/TXRulesOfEvidence-20140901.pdf