

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 20-9046

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## FIFTH EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER

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**ORDERED** that:

1. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. This Order supplements and does not replace or amend prior Emergency Orders Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster.
3. All deadlines, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, related to attorney professional disciplinary and disability proceedings are tolled while this Order remains in effect.
4. The order is retroactive to March 13, 2020, and expires May 8, 2020, unless extended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

5. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:
  - a. post a copy of this Order on [www.txcourts.gov](http://www.txcourts.gov);
  - b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and
  - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.
  
6. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

Dated: March 20, 2020

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Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice

Paul W. Green, Justice

Eva M. Guzman, Justice

Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice

Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice

John P. Devine, Justice

James D. Blacklock, Justice

J. Brett Busby, Justice

Jane N. Bland, Justice