

CIVIL APPEALS
T.R.C.P. Rule 506.1

- 1) Must be filed within 21 days after the judgment is signed, or the motion to reinstate, motion to set aside, or motion for new trial, if any is denied. All appeal documents and financial amounts must be filed by 4pm. No exceptions and no extensions allowed.
- 2) You must complete the civil appeal bond form. You may consult a private attorney for help in completing the appeal bond form or contact ***Legal Aid of Northwest Texas*** located at 600 E. Weatherford St, Fort Worth TX 76102, (817) 336-3943.
- 3) Bond amount. The bond amount for a plaintiff is set at \$500.00.
The bond amount for a defendant is set at an amount equal to twice the amount of the judgment.

CASH BOND: Must be paid in either cash or cashier's check payable to "**Justice of the Peace Pct. 5**". No exceptions.

SURETY
AFFIDAVITS:

The court requires two (2) sureties. Each surety must sign notarized affidavits stating they are worth the dollar amount assessed as bond amount. Each surety must sign appeal bond form also. No exceptions.

- 4) Filing fees: **\$64.00** payable to "**Justice of the Peace Pct. 5**" in cash, cashier's check, money order, or law firm check.

\$350.00 payable to "**Justice of the Peace Pct. 5**" in cash, cashier's check, money order or law firm check for the **TARRANT COUNTY CLERK's** filing fee.

THE CLERKS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ASSIST YOU IN COMPLETING THE APPEAL.

*******Do not wait until the last day to file for the appeal as extensions are not allowed.*******

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Sworn statement of inability to pay. An appellant who cannot furnish a bond or pay a cash deposit in the amount required may instead file a sworn statement of inability to pay. The statement must meet the requirements of Rule 502.3(b).

If you choose to pay the **\$350.00** appeal fee directly to the **County Court at Law** you may call them at **(817) 884-1076** for questions relating to the appeal process and to ask when their filing fee of **\$350.00** is due.