

# Landlord-Tenant Issues Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide is designed to provide information and resources for landlord/tenant issues, such as repairs, evictions, and natural disasters. For resources specific to eviction appeals, see separate guide: *Evictions: Posttrial and Appellate*. 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.

See also: Law Library handouts for *Civil Captions, Eviction, Appealing an Eviction*, and *Steps in the Civil Litigation Process* at the reference desk.

## Statutes & Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Texas Property Code

- Ch. 24: Notice to Vacate (form) §24.005  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.24.htm#24.005>
- Ch. 24 Appeal §24.007  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.24.htm#24.007>
- Ch. 91: Provisions Generally Applicable to Landlords & Tenants  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.91.htm>
- Ch. 92: Residential Tenancies  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.92.htm>
- Ch. 93: Commercial Tenancies  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.93.htm>
- Ch. 94: Manufactured Home Tenancies  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.94.htm>

Texas Rules of Civil Procedure

<https://www.txcourts.gov/rules-forms/rules-standards/>

- Rule 510 Eviction Cases
- Rule 635 Stay of Execution in Justice Court

## Secondary Resources in Print

**Dorsaneo's Texas Litigation Guide REF KFT 1730 .T4**

- Vol. 9, Ch. 132 Enforcement of Judgments
- Vol. 10, Ch. 148 Suspending Enforcement Appeal; § 148.53 Supersedeas Bond
- Vol. 18, Ch. 282 Landlord Tenant

**Texas Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Guide REF KFT 1730 .A65 T482 (aka Texas Forms Pleading and Practice)**

- Vol. 8A, Ch. 156 Landlord Tenant

**Texas Foreclosure Manual REF KFT 1330.5 .F6S7**

- Ch. 34 Residential Evictions Following Foreclosure

**Practitioner's Guide to Civil Appeals in Texas REF KFT 1755.P73**

- Ch. 8 Staying the Execution and Superseding the Judgment

**Every Tenant's Legal Guide REF KF 590 .Z9 P67**

**Renter's Rights REF KF 590 .Z9 P673**

**Every Landlord's Legal Guide REF KF 590 .Z9 S74**

**Leases & Rental Agreements: Essential Rental Forms Every Landlord Needs REF KF 590 .Z9 S84**

**101 Law Forms for Personal Use REF KF 170 .L46**

- Ch. 4 Renting a Place to Live

**NOLO's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law: Answers to Your Most Frequently Asked Legal Questions REF KF 387.N646**

- Ch. 3 Landlords and Tenants

*See also: Texas Justice Court Training Center binders. Inquire at Reference Desk*

## CLE Materials

**Advanced Real Estate Drafting KFT 1312 .A7527**

- 2022 Ch. 7 Preferential Rights: Options, Rights of First Opportunity, and More

**Advanced Civil Appellate Practice KFT 1755 .A75S7**

- 2020 Ch. 8 Supersedeas – What for and How Much?
- 2020 Ch. 24 There's a Judgment, Now What?
- 2018 Ch. 3: Supreme Court of Texas Update, Section XXVI. Procedure – Appellate, Subsection B. Supersedeas Bonds, p. 63.

**Litigation Update Institute Course KFT 1738 .A2S7**

- 2013 Ch. 1: Supreme Court of Texas Update by Elizabeth (Heidi) Bloch, Section XXX. Procedure – Trial and Post-Trial – Subsection H. Supersedeas Deposit, p. 66

**LGBTQ Legal Issues in Changing Times (PDF only)**

- 2021 Ch. 3 Landlord/Tenant Issues, Housing Insecurity, and Deed Restrictions Affecting the LGBTQ+ Community

## Online Resources

Eviction and Other Landlord Issues (Texas Law Help) <https://texaslawhelp.org/house-apartment/eviction-other-landlord-issues>

Eviction Answer (Texas Law Help) <https://texaslawhelp.org/guide/eviction-answer>

Overview of Landlord Tenant Laws in Texas (NOLO) <https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/overview-landlord-tenant-laws-texas.html>

Texas Justice Court Training Center (TJCTC)

- Evictions and Landlord-Tenant Forms <https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/forms.html>
- Evictions Deskbook <https://docs.gato.txst.edu/660699/Evictions%20Deskbook%20-%20Fourth%20Edition.pdf>
- File a Repair and Remedy Case <https://www.tjctc.org/SRL/repair-and-remedy.html>
- Order Staying Writ of Possession for 30 Days in Manufactured Home Eviction <https://gato-docs.its.txstate.edu/jcr:00992fd4-c408-40fb-ae2-c508fd9a1919/Order%20Staying%20Writ%20of%20Possession%20in%20MFH%20Eviction.docx>

Landlord/Tenant Law (TSLL)

<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/landlord-tenant-law/general-information>

Texas Tenant Advisor <https://texastenant.org/>

Evicted in Texas (TYLA)

<https://tyla.org/resource/evicted-in-texas-landlord-and-tenant-rights/>

Housing Forms and Resources (Austin Tenants Council) <https://www.housing-rights.org/forms-resources/>

## 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)**