

Writ of Retrieval Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on Writ of Retrieval. The Writ of Retrieval allows the person to “apply for a writ authorizing the person to enter the residence accompanied by a peace officer to retrieve specific items of personal property.” (*Property Code, Title 4, Ch. 24A.*) 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 and Codes

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

Texas Property Code

- Ch. 24A §24A.002. Writ Authorizing Entry and Property Retrieval; Peace Officer to Accompany
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/PR/htm/PR.24A.htm>

Secondary Resources in Print

O'Connor's Texas Causes of Action KFT 1733.026

- Ch. 16 Landlord-Tenant Actions B. Forcible Detainer §6.9 Retrieval of Personal Property

Texas Torts and Remedies KFT 1395.T49

- Vol.1, Ch. 23 §23.12A Exclusion from Premises and Removal of Property

Texas Litigation Guide KFT 1730.T4

- Vol. 18, Ch. 282, §282.24 Lockout and Removal of Property

Texas Family Law Practice Manual KFT 1294.T457

- Vol. 4, Ch. 64 Retrieval of Personal Property

CLE Materials

Advanced Real Estate Law Course KFT 1312.A75

- 2014 Vol. 2, Ch. 29 Forcible Detainers: The New Eviction Rules

Online Resources

Evictions Deskbook (TJCTC)

Ch. 9: Writs of Retrieval, Re-Entry and Restoration

<https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/Deskbooks.html>

Writ of Retrieval (Tarrant County Justice of the Peace Precinct One)

<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/justice-of-the-peace-courts/justice-1/civil-cases/order-of-retrieval.html>

Self-Help Legal Information Packet: When You Have Been Locked Out or Your Landlord Has Cut Off Your Utilities (TJCTC)

<https://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/dam/main/justices-of-the-peace/JP1/new-docs-2020-2021/2021WritOfRetrievalReEntryAndRestorationInformationPacket.pdf>

Getting Your Belongings From Your Former Home (TexasLawHelp)

<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/getting-your-belongings-from-your-former-home>

Personal Property & Landlord's Lien (Texas Tenant Advisor) <https://www.texastenant.org/while-you-are-renting/personal-property-landlords-lien>

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)

