

April 3, 2020

To our valued clients and friends:

We hope that you and your families remain safe and healthy during this unprecedented crisis.

**Rusty Hardin & Associates remains open for business.** We remain fully operational as most of our attorneys work remotely in accordance with Harris County's Stay Home, Work Safe Order. **We have continued accepting new cases and we are fully servicing our existing clients' needs.**

Some recent examples of this include:

- Moving for discovery and litigating discovery disputes
- Negotiating with opposing counsel for mediation and favorably resolving clients' disputes
- Taking depositions via virtual software
- Virtually appearing and arguing at hearings on our clients' behalf
- Consulting with federal agents to resolve various criminal matters
- Confering with district attorney's offices about pre-trial diversion or probation issues

Both Texas state and federal courts remain open for business, though for safety, some ongoing and upcoming trials are deferred. Non-essential in-court hearings and appearances including detention hearings, arraignments, injunction hearings, and misdemeanor sentencings are being held by telephone conference, Skype, Zoom, or similar technology. Texas state courts have also been given the authority to suspend or modify any deadlines or procedures. Rusty Hardin & Associates is in regular contact with the court assigned to each of our ongoing matters regarding these procedures. During the pandemic, we can also notarize documents for clients via videoconference.

**I encourage you to reach out to us at any time with questions about the status of your case.** Each of our attorneys can be reached via email or cell, or you can call our main number (713) 652-9000 and our receptionist will connect you with counsel.

Take care and be well,



Rusty Hardin