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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**CLARIFICATION REGARDING BEXAR COUNTY CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS AS
REPORTED ON KSAT-TV**

The Bexar County Civil District Courts wish to issue this press announcement to clarify any confusion or misunderstanding that may have arisen from the June 10, 2020, KSAT-TV interview with Judge Peter Sakai.

All courts in Texas are required to operate under the guidelines issued by the Office of Court Administration and the mandates issued by the Supreme Court of Texas, which strictly require that protective measures for the safety of our personnel, attorneys, litigants, and the public are implemented. The Bexar County Civil District Courts' COVID-19 Operating Plan, under which we are presently operating, complies with these requirements, and has enabled the Civil District Courts to operate at near full capacity via remote hearings, as authorized by the Supreme Court's emergency orders. Courts are required to establish an operating plan before resuming in-person hearings, and the Bexar County Civil District Courts are diligently working towards crafting such a plan. While we are moving towards a return to in-person hearings, the plan is not yet finalized and we do not currently have a concrete start date. In the meantime, we will continue to conduct our proceedings via remote hearings until all protocols and procedures are in place for in-person hearings to resume safely. The Bexar County Civil District Courts remain dedicated to serving our community and ensuring the safety and welfare of everyone while making every effort to be as efficient and accessible as possible. Your patience and confidence during this process is greatly appreciated.

For updates on the courts operation plans go to www.bexar.org/1703/Civil-District-Courts.

For information on the Texas Supreme Court's Emergency Orders go to: <https://www.txcourts.gov/court-coronavirus-information/emergency-orders/>