



JUDGE JOANNE GARCIA
HIDALGO COUNTY PROBATE COURT
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MEMO

TO: COMMISSIONER'S COURT

FROM: JUDGE JOANNE GARCIA
PROBATE COURT JUDGE

DATE: 5/3/24

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM: 95209

In regards to the Hidalgo County, Texas Administrative Policy Manual Travel Policies, Guidelines, and Procedures Travel policy as it pertains to mileage reimbursement, I am requesting approval of mileage reimbursement for each of Probate Court employee as follows:

Regina Moreno, Probate Court Coordinator; and
Yolanda Hernandez, Assistant Court Coordinator Probate Court
Each one will attend Court Professionals Conference hosted by the Texas Center for the Judiciary in Irving, Texas on June 9, 2024-June 12, 2024.

I am requesting approval of mileage reimbursement for each staff member for reason as stated below:

- different departure times
- different arrival times
- conflicting schedules
- seminar is live and in person and not available virtually
- there is no vehicle that can accommodate all employees
- employees are encouraged not to travel together
- rental cars are not available for each employee
- health and COVID-19 safety and potential concerns
- health reasons

In addition to the reasons stated above, the Court does have the budget to fund the full mileage reimbursement to each employee cited above. This approval will not burden the Probate Court budget. Furthermore, the Texas Center for Judiciary is offering and accepting reimbursement to our department for travel expenses and lodging expenses as well.



100 N Closner Blvd, Edinburg, TX 78539 to 8440 Freeport Pkwy, Irving, TX 75063 Drive 527 miles, 7 hr 47 min

100 N Closner Blvd
Edinburg, TX 78539

▲ This route has tolls.

Get on I-69C N/US-281 N from N Closner Blvd and E Schunior St

- 6 min (1.9 mi)
- ↑ 1. Head north toward N 10th Ave
220 ft
- ↪ 2. Turn right onto N 10th Ave
180 ft
- ↪ 3. Turn right at the 1st cross street onto W McIntyre St
387 ft
- ↶ 4. Turn left onto N Closner Blvd
374 ft
- ↑ 5. Continue straight to stay on N Closner Blvd
0.3 mi
- ↪ 6. Turn right onto E Schunior St
0.9 mi
- ↑ 7. Continue onto E Richardson Rd
394 ft
- ↶ 8. Turn left onto N 25th Ave/N Expressway 281/N Jasman Rd
282 ft
- ⤴ 9. Use the left lane to take the ramp onto I-69C N/US-281 N
0.3 mi
- ⤴ 10. Merge onto I-69C N/US-281 N
9 min (10.2 mi)

Get on I-37 N in Live Oak County from US-281 N


- 2 hr 10 min (148 mi)
- ↑ 11. Continue onto US-281 N
39.9 mi
- ↶ 12. Keep left to stay on US-281 N
21.5 mi
- ↗ 13. Slight right
3.6 mi

- ↗ 14. Use any lane to turn slightly right onto US-281 N
 ① Pass by Dairy Queen (on the right in 77.8 mi)
 81.8 mi
- ↗ 15. Use the right 2 lanes to take the ramp onto I-37 N
 0.7 mi

Continue on I-37 N. Take I-10 E, TX-130 N/TX-130 Toll N, I-35 N and I-35E N to W John Carpenter Fwy in Irving. Take the exit toward Freeport Pkwy from TX-114 W

5 hr 11 min (367 mi)


- ↗ 16. Merge onto I-37 N
 60.3 mi
- ↗ 17. Take exit 133 to merge onto I-410 N
 7.6 mi
- ↗ 18. Take exit 33 toward I-10 E/US-90 E
 0.1 mi
- ↗ 19. Slight right to merge onto I-10 E/US-90 E toward Houston
 ① Continue to follow I-10 E
 33.1 mi
- ↗ 20. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 614 for TX-130 Toll N toward Austin
 ▲ Toll road
 1.0 mi
- ↑ 21. Continue onto TX-130 N/TX-130 Toll N
 ▲ Toll road
 86.6 mi
- ↗ 22. Merge onto I-35 N
 18.3 mi
- ↑ 23. Continue onto Monarch Hwy/Purple Heart Trl
 390 ft
- ↑ 24. Continue onto I-35 N/Monarch Hwy/Purple Heart Trl
 86.3 mi
- ↗ 25. Keep right to continue on I-35E N, follow signs for Interstate 35E/Dallas
 56.3 mi
- ↖ 26. Keep left to continue on I-35E
 6.2 mi
- ↖ 27. Use the left 3 lanes to turn slightly left onto TX-183 W (signs for Texas 183/Texas 114)
 2.1 mi
- ↗ 28. Use the right 2 lanes to turn slightly right onto TX-114 W
 9.0 mi

 29. Take the exit toward Freeport Pkwy

0.2 mi

Continue on W John Carpenter Fwy to your destination


1 min (0.4 mi)

 30. Merge onto W John Carpenter Fwy

0.4 mi

 31. Turn right

105 ft

 32. Turn left

282 ft

 33. Turn right

 Destination will be on the right

102 ft