

Montague County Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1

Rules of Procedure and Evidence

Rules of Civil Procedure 500-510 govern cases filed in the Justice Courts on or after August 31, 2013 and also govern cases pending on that date. The procedural rules governing the district and county courts no longer apply in the Justice Courts except when the judge hearing the case determines that a particular rule must be following to ensure that the proceedings are fair to all parties, or when made applicable by law or the rules. **Rule 500.3.**

Small Claims Cases are governed by Rules 500-507, Rules of Practice in Justice Courts.

Debt Claim Cases are governed by Rules 500-507, and Rule 508 (Rules 508.1 – 508.3), Rules of Practice in Justice Courts. To the extent of any conflict between Rule 508 and the other Rules of Practice in Justice Courts, Rule 508 applies.

Eviction Cases are governed by Rules 500 – 507, and Rule 510 (Rule 510.1 – 510.13), Rules of Practice in Justice Courts. To the extent of any conflict between Rule 510 and the other Rules of Practice in Justice Courts, Rule 510 applies.

The Texas Rules of Evidence do not apply in Justice Court except when the judge hearing the case determines that a particular rule must be followed to ensure that the proceedings are fair to all parties, or when otherwise specifically provided by law or the Rules of Practice in Justice Courts

Please visit the following link for the full version of the Rules:

<https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1453689/texas-rules-of-civil-procedure.pdf>