

Request for Time Served/Jail Credit Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on requests for time served, also known as jail credit, or a letter of incarceration. Jail credit, also known as jail-credit time, is “time spent by a criminal defendant in confinement while awaiting trial; this time is usually deducted from the defendant’s final sentence (if convicted).” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th ed.*) 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 Code of Criminal Procedure

- §42.03 Pronouncing Sentence; Time; Credit for Time Spent in Jail Between Arrest and Sentence or Pending Appeal
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/CR.42.htm#42.03>
- §42.032 Good Conduct
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CR/htm/CR.42.htm#42.032>

Secondary Resources in Print

Texas Criminal Practice Guide REF KFT 1775.T49

- Vol. 4, Ch. 81 Judgment & Sentence
 - §81.04 Credits on Sentence
 - §81.101 Motion for Credit on Sentence

CLE Materials

Advanced Criminal Law Course KFT 1761 .S7

- 2021 Ch. 3 Code of Criminal Procedure Legislative Update 2021
- 2021 Ch. 13 Article 11.07 Writs of Habeas Corpus

Online Resources

Letter of Incarceration (Tarrant County Sheriff)
<https://www.tarrantcountytexas.gov/en/sheriff/operations-bureau/communications-and-technology/records/letter-of-incarceration.html>

I Want Jail Credit Towards My Fines (Toolkit: Ticket Help Texas)
<https://tickethelptexas.org/guide/introduction/i-want-jail-credit-towards-my-fines>

Documents and Forms (Toolkit: Ticket Help Texas)
<http://tickethelptexas.org/guide/introduction/documents-and-forms>

Motion for Time Served/Jail Credit Forms – Other Cities/Counties in Texas (TSLL)
<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/legal-forms/offender-forms#s-lg-box-wrapper-28094138>

Offender Forms (TSLL)
<https://guides.sll.texas.gov/legal-forms/offender-forms>

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)

