

Susman Godfrey Partners with Civil Rights Organizations to Remedy Dangerous Conditions in Dallas County Jail During COVID-19 Outbreak

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Susman Godfrey has partnered with the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of Texas, Civil Rights Corps, and the Next Generation Action Network Legal Advocacy Fund to bring a federal class-action lawsuit for emergency relief to remedy the Dallas County Jail's ongoing failure to manage the extraordinary risks COVID-19 poses to its detainees, staff, and the larger community.

As of April 9, Dallas County reported that 29 detainees tested positive for COVID-19, up from 23 the day before. The spreading outbreak of COVID-19 in the Jail not only endangers the health and lives of detainees but also further stresses the limited healthcare resources available for the community at large.

Partner [Barry Barnett](#) is leading Susman Godfrey's efforts on this case. Along with the firm's Co-Managing Partner [Neal Manne](#) in Houston, Partner [Michael Gervais](#) in Los Angeles, and Associate [Rakim Brooks](#) in New York, the team is working on this matter pro bono and, together with their co-counsel, are requesting the appointment of a public health expert to organize an essential decarceration plan so that the jail can operate safely in these extraordinary times. You can read more about the case in [The Dallas Morning News](#).