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To the attorneys and parties with active cases in the Ninth Court of Appeals:

On Friday, May 8, 2020, the Office of Court Administration (OCA) discovered the statewide court network was the target of a ransomware attack. While trial courts were not affected, almost all of the appellate courts in Texas, including the Ninth Court of Appeals, have had their servers and websites disabled.

As a result, the Court does not have access to TAMES (the case management system used by the courts to keep track of pending appeals) or documents attached to TAMES. The Court is unable to access information pertaining to pending cases including the status of cases before the Court.

Our judges and staff are working hard to continue casework while OCA and the IT security experts work to restore network functionality. While we can continue to accept e-filings, we are limited by technology in ways to track and respond to the filings. The Court will continue to monitor and process emergency motions and original proceedings received during the outage and issue rulings and opinions as necessary.

The Court will post information on this website, including opinions and orders as they are issued, and will email or mail hard copies of issued opinions and orders to all parties.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this situation. If you have questions, feel free to contact the Court through the clerk's office at (409) 835-8402.