Article 11.07 Habeas Corpus Applications

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What we're doing

- 1. New stuff!
- 2. Nuts and bolts of 11.07 habeas corpus procedure
- 3. CCA Procedure
- 4. "Defensive Issues"
- 5. Focusing on the facts

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What is habeas corpus?

• Touchstone principle: legal tool for challenging jailer's authority to restrain someone.

All kinds of writs . . .

- Test the legality of confinement
 - Bail
 - Authority to hold
- Pretrial uses
 - Shut down prosecution.
- Contempt of court

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Post Conviction Collateral Attack!

- Code of Criminal Procedure divides up and channels constitutional and statutory grants of criminal law habeas corpus authority.
- More specifics to come, but the Code gives specific, detailed procedures for post conviction habeas corpus in final felony convictions (11.07) and final felony convictions with death sentences (11.071).





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