

# Article 11.07 Habeas Corpus Applications

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What we're doing

- **Nuts and bolts of 11.07 habeas corpus procedure**
  - **How things work, TRAPS to avoid, and some advocacy hints**

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## Written Materials

- Mike Stauffacher's Annual Guide to 11.07 Writs of Habeas Corpus and other State Writs, with extensive changes and updates made by the speaker.

What is this “habeas” you speak of?

Nobody benefits from mystery or mystique shrouding The Great Writ.

Why don't people know this stuff?

Texas *courts* see thousands of writs every year.

Most are filed directly from prison, by prisoners acting on their own behalf.

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