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## **Tarrant County Clerk to Designate Civil Electronic Files as Official Court Record**

Under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21 (f)(13), a clerk of a court may designate an electronically filed document or a scanned paper document as the official court record and is not required to maintain a paper document if an electronic document exists.

As of Monday, October 1, 2018, I am hereby designating that the electronic copy of each document filed with the Tarrant County Courts at Law 1, 2 and 3 shall be the official court record. In addition, any document filed in paper form will be scanned to produce an electronic copy, which shall be considered the official court record of that document.

Furthermore, the clerk will retain only electronic versions of documents electronically filed or scanned into the record.

This announcement does not apply to those documents covered by Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21 (f)(4).