

District Clerk Newsletter

Thomas A. Wilder, District Clerk



DISTRICT CLERK CORNER

Dear Legal Professionals,

I'm sure you are as sick of COVID as I am, but here it comes again. We had 5 people down with it in a week, so 2022 may be tough as well with continued staffing issues and sickness.

The good news is that we are keeping up with the business of the courts which is near normal now. A new computer system for the criminal section is planned for Go Live in April. A new court (485th District Court) opened in the Justice Center on January 2nd with a visiting judge assigned until Gov. Abbott appoints a new one.

Also opening in April is the long awaited juvenile building that will be a big improvement over the old one.

I am grateful for the efforts my staff is making to accomplish our part in these undertakings and hope everyone has a happy and prosperous New Year!

Best Wishes.

District Clerk

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Looking Ahead...



The construction on the new Juvenile building, located on Kimbo Road is progressing. Please keep an eye out for more information in our upcoming edition of the newsletter.

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Criminal Section Spotlight



Beginning August 30, 2021, through September 10, 2021, the Criminal District Courts Division was tasked with Inventory Dockets that disposed of more than 3,000 cases within nine (9) days. There were a total of twenty (20) Courts involved in this process that included all ten of the Criminal District Courts in unison with the ten County Criminal Courts. These dockets were a result of the Covid-19 Pandemic that hit in 2020 causing a backlog of cases needing to be disposed.

The District Clerk's Criminal Division is to be commended as a whole in that everyone worked together as a team showing what could be accomplished when there is a common goal that needs to be met. The Criminal District Court Clerks worked diligently during this time working overtime in the mornings, during lunches, late evenings and some weekends to meet a stringent three day turn -around of cases that received sentences in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and State Jails alike. There was a domino effect as the Criminal Collections Department was hit hard during this time; needless to say, that the Department as a whole, was down two verifiers and numerous clerks due to issues that were beyond their control. There was a noted cohesiveness of every section; this was a time that really tested the strength of the District Clerk's Criminal Division as a whole. The Appeals section, EPO Unit, District Clerk Magistrate Court, and Specialty/Diversion units were a true reflection of the strength of cross-training as they were very instrumental in ensuring Tarrant County Jails, deferred and straight probations were processed timely. We would also like to commend Floor Managers, Amy Fabila, and Evelyn Villanueva for their tireless work in verifying every judgment that was submitted to them and meeting the deadlines for further submission to TCSO. It goes without saying that the Criminal Division of the District Clerk's Office did an outstanding job during Inventory Dockets and is well deserving of recognition. Of note the Criminal Division was recognized for a job of excellency during the CJCC meeting held on September 14, 2021. How about that District Clerk Office Criminal Division! Woot Woo!!!



February 21, 2022 - President's day

March 28, 2022 - Cesar Chavez Day

April 15, 2022 - Good Friday

May 30, 2022 - Memorial Day

Service Request Form

Update

The Service request form has been updated to reflect the correct copy fees. Please discard the old form. You may obtain the revised

form by visiting our website at www.tarrantcounty.com and clicking on District Clerk or by clicking on the following link:

<u>Service Request Form</u>

Employee Spotlight: Criminal Section



Shawn Rosemeyer is originally from Sioux City, IA. He is the oldest of two children. His sister Stephanie still lives in Iowa with her husband and two boys.

Shawn spent many hours as a teenager volunteering at a local hospital for which he received multiple accolades. He was a member of the Sioux City Optimist Club for many years in his youth. Shawn enjoyed spending much of his time with patients in the hospital and took classes in high school, received a CNA certification, and worked for a couple years before leaving to take care of his mother who was sick with cancer.

In his free time Shawn enjoys gardening and tending to his many houseplants.

Shawn began his career with the District Clerk's office in May of 2019 at the Felony Research desk. In November of 2019, Shawn transferred to the Felony-Civil Department as the Expunction Clerk and was promoted

to Auxiliary Administrative Clerk October 2021.

The District Clerk, Tom Wilder and two of his deputies, Monica Foster and Jessica Gray attended the 21st Annual Texas District Court Alliance (TDCA) Conference in Fredericksburg. District clerks must have 20 hours of continuing education each year. Mr. Wilder has over 750 hours through TDCA and UT Law School.



New Filing Fees – Civil and Family Effective 1-1-2022

SB41 from the 87th Legislature went into effect on January 1, 2022. The purpose of this bill was to consolidate filing fees/court cost associated to Civil/Family/Tax/Felony-Civil cases filed on or after January 1, 2022. Below are the new filing fees/court costs associated to Civil and Family. If a refund is requested and approved, the District Clerk's office will only be able to refund the Local Consolidated portion of the fee, the State Consolidated fee is not sent to our office. The State consolidated fees paid will be refunded by the state.

New Civil Suits

State Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (SCCI) \$137

Local Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (LCCI) \$213

\$350

Subsequent Filings

(Contempt, Counterclaim, Cross-Action, Interpleader, Intervention, Third Party Action, New Trial, Notice of Appeal)

State Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (SCCS) \$ 45

Local Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (LCCS) \$ 35

\$80

For more information regarding updated filing fees please visit our website at www.tarrantcounty.com click on District Clerk. You can also click on the following link Civil Fees.

New Family Suits

State Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (SCCI) \$137

Local Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (LCCI) \$213

(Total Without children) \$350

Family Prot. Fee \$15 & DRO Svc. Fee \$36 \$ 51

(Total With children) \$401

Subsequent Filings

(Contempt, Counterclaim, Cross-Action, Interpleader, Intervention, Third Party Action, New Trial, Habeas Corpus (Continuing Jurisdiction), Notice of Appeal)

State Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (SCCS) \$ 45

Local Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (LCCS) \$ 35

\$80

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New Filing Fees – Felony/Civil Effective 1-1-2022

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New Civil Suits

(Non-Disclosure, ODL, Expunction, NISI, Seizure, Sexual Predator, Bill of Review)

State Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (SCCI) \$137

Local Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (LCCI) \$213

\$350

Subsequent Filings

(Motion for New Trial, Interpleader, Intervention, Counterclaim/Cross-Action)

State Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (SCCS) \$ 45

Local Consolidated Civil Filing Fee (LCCS) \$ 35

\$80

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Criminal – TechShare Update

On January 12, 2022 TechShare Jail and TechShare Bond Desk were implemented.

With the deployment of these critical components, the next implementation will be TechShare Court currently scheduled for the April 2022 timeframe. The District Clerk is taking the following actions to ensure a seamless transition for our clerk's and our customers.

Data Migration and Data Validation are ongoing and will continue through Go-Live.

User Acceptance Testing is scheduled for mid-January 2022 and will continue through Go-Live.

Train the Trainer where the focus is on training key personnel to assist with deployment is scheduled for early-February 2022 through mid-March 2022.

End User Training will follow for all personnel and is scheduled for mid-March 2022 through Go-Live.

E-FILING REPORTS

We have provided e-filing return for correction rates for the past several years. We have also include the breakdown reports on the next page, by section, for the first quarter (October through December) of FY 2022. Our staff continues to work diligently to process all e-filing in a timely manner, although our office has encountered several delays due to issues with eFileTX. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK eFile Return for Correction Rates													
Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021					
Number of incidents w/Tyler Tech	502	398	393	290	471	209	185	288					
Total Filings Accepted	244,801	252,306	267,939	282,306	347,939	359,062	343,672	370,296					
Total Filings Rejected	19,752	18,478	19,406	23,407	29,375	26,789	31,591	29,302					
Grand Total of Filings	264,553	270,784	287,345	305,713	377,314	385,851	375,263	399,598					
Acceptance Rate 92.53% 93.18% 93.25% 92.34% 92.21% 93.06% 91.58% 92								92.67%					
Rejected Rate	8.07%	7.32%	7.24%	8.29%	8.44%	7.46%	9.19%	7.91%					

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK CIVIL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2022

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	882	156	11,535	664	12,417	820	13,237	6.60%
NOVEMBER	824	121	10,197	588	11,021	709	11,730	6.43%
DECEMBER	767	90	9,391	521	10,158	611	10,769	6.01%
TOTALS	2,473	367	31,123	1,773	33,596	2,140	35,736	6.37%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK TAX E-FILING REPORT - FY 2022

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	380	2	1,727	23	2,107	25	2,132	1.19%
NOVEMBER	497	0	1,443	37	1,940	37	1,977	1.91%
DECEMBER	312	2	1,192	20	1,504	22	1,526	1.46%
TOTALS	1,189	4	4,362	80	5,551	84	5,635	1.51%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK FAMILY E-FILING REPORT - FY 2022

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	900	252	9,550	629	10,450	881	11,331	8.43%
NOVEMBER	955	266	8,910	687	9,865	953	10,818	9.66%
DECEMBER	897	309	7,805	614	8,702	923	9,625	10.61%
TOTALS	2,752	827	26,265	1,930	29,017	2,757	31,774	9.50%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK AG E-FILING REPORT - FY 2022

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	389	15	1,912	107	2,301	122	2,423	5.30%
NOVEMBER	367	26	1,612	97	1,979	123	2,102	6.22%
DECEMBER	509	39	1,555	99	2,064	138	2,202	6.69%
TOTALS	1,265	80	5,079	303	6,344	383	6,727	6.04%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK FELONY / CIVIL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2022

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	158	31	419	10	577	41	618	7.11%
NOVEMBER	160	29	418	8	578	37	615	6.40%
DECEMBER	151	26	381	6	532	32	564	6.02%
TOTALS	469	86	1,218	24	1,687	110	1,797	6.52%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK CRIMINAL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2022

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	0	0	4,190	166	4,190	166	4,356	3.96%
NOVEMBER	0	0	4,412	279	4,412	279	4,691	6.32%
DECEMBER	0	0	3,687	213	3,687	213	3,900	5.78%
TOTALS	0	0	12,289	658	12,289	658	12,947	5.35%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK GRAND TOTAL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2022

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	2,709	456	29,333	1,599	32,042	2,055	34,097	6.41%
NOVEMBER	2,803	442	26,992	1,696	29,795	2,138	31,933	7.18%
DECEMBER	2,636	466	24,011	1,473	26,647	1,939	28,586	7.28%
TOTALS	8,148	1,364	80,336	4,768	88,484	6,132	94,616	6.93%



Contact Us



Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center 401 W Belknap Street



Family Law Center 200 E Weatherford Street



Tom Vandergriff Civil Courts Building 100 N Calhoun Street



Scott D. Moore Juvenile Justice Center 2701 Kimbo Road





Family: 817-212-6954 Civil: 817-212-6953

Criminal: 817-884-1342

Felony/Civil

The Felony/Civil section of the District Clerk's office handles Expunctions, Non-Disclosures, Occupational Driver's License, Seizures and Bond Forfeiture cases.

It is located on the 3rd floor of the Tim Curry Justice Center. The Felony/Civil section currently accepts electronically filed documents for Expunctions, Non-Disclosures, Felony Occupational Drivers Licenses, Bond Forfeiture (NISI's) and Seizure cases <u>only</u>.

For filing fee information please refer to the District Clerk website for the most current fees.

Felony/Civil Filing Fees

Our business hours are Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm. During these hours you can reach the Felony/Civil clerks for assistance.

Michelle Farrell-Administrative Felony/Civil Clerk

Lead Clerk - 817-884-1156

Shawn Rosemeyer-Auxiliary

Lead Auxiliary Clerk - 817-884-2514

Sterling Swanson - Expunctions

Associate Clerk – 817-884-1231

Kisa Hughes-Seizures

Associate Clerk – 817-884-2508



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