

District Clerk Newsletter

Thomas A. Wilder, District Clerk



DISTRICT CLERK CORNER

Dear Legal Professionals,

Please be advised that my office and Tarrant County have taken all steps possible to protect you and us against the COVID virus.

It is possible that we will start to see jury calls in 30-60 days according to OCA, depending on the severity of what appears to be another spike in cases occurring in Tarrant County.

If you want more details on COVID-19 and how our county is dealing with it, visit www.TarrantCounty.com.

You should also check the websites for OCA at www.txcourts.gov/oca and/or the Supreme Court at www.txcourts.gov/supreme for when business as usual resumes.

It is imperative that you research these websites including my own at www.tarrantcounty.com/en/district-clerk.html?linklocation=supermenu&linkname=Thomas A. Wilder for up-to-date information in these trying times. Also, check our office Facebook page.

A request for records may be done via USPS, e-mail DClerk@TarrantCounty.com or become a Web Access subscriber where all filings are permanently archived.

Best Wishes,

District Clerk

DClerk@TarrantCounty.com

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87th Legislation

The District Clerks office will begin to have Legislative committee meetings in November in preparation for the 87th Legislative session. We are anxious to see how the State Capitol will handle hearings. Will they have mandatory temperature checks? How will the House handle the 150 desks on the chamber floor while allowing space for staff and the media? Will everyone wear a mask? The Capitol has been closed since March with no interim hearings taking place, which is what usually gives you an idea of what will be of interest during the session. No one was left untouched by Covid-19, just like our staff and networking departments. Like everyone else it will require accepting change and adjusting to virtual hearings.

For the first time in history, TAC held a virtual legislative conference, which was quite successful. Our clerks weren't as lucky. We had to learn new processes as we were forced into virtual pleas. Between dealing with backorders of cameras and headphones, and connection issues we finally emerged when the dust settled. It appears this will be the new normal going forward and going electronic has never been more necessary.

There is less than 100 days before the session begins and there are probably over 100 questions to answer. So, how will the Texas Capitol handle the 87th Legislative session? We will see; however, one thing is for sure, "The Show Must Go On!"



Service Documents

Citations or any service documents that have been issued and emailed to an attorney or private process server to serve, must be printed and served only once. Each service document has its own identifiable barcode that is used to check-in the document as Executed or Unexecuted. Once the service document is returned and checked-in, that document is complete and cannot be reused. If you need an additional service document issued, you must request a new one and pay the supplementary fee.

***Special Note: Printing a citation from Web Access for the sole purpose of service is not suggested. Certified citations for service, will not be available in Web Access. Please do not print out the unavailable imaged file copy of the issued document that has a line thru the signature of the document production clerk to serve, as it is not a certified document.

Amended Standing Emergency Order

Please be aware that pursuant to the Judges Amended Standing Emergency Order, certain Family pleadings require that it be attached. You may view the order on the District Clerk's website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Court directly.

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Civil Forms on District Clerk Website

Reminder to utilize forms on District Clerk website located at www.tarrantcounty.com.

The forms below may be printed out and used for requests through e-File Texas.

Attorneys should use this <u>Service Request Form</u> as the lead document for service documents which need to be produced.

Attorneys should use this <u>E-Filing Exception Form</u> for technical issues/Good Cause.

Click on:

- Government
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Civil Forms
Abstract of Judgment
Execution
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Subpoena





November 26, 2020 Thanksgiving Day

November 27, 2020

Day after Thanksgiving

December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

December 25, 2020 Christmas Day

Employee Spotlight

Evelyn Villanueva was born and raised in New York from Puerto Rican descent. When her siblings became of a certain age her parents moved back to Puerto Rico. Evelyn decided to stay behind and venture off on her own; she is a strong, independent person.



She began her first employment with a grocery store as a cashier. Evelyn hit a lot of bumps in the road but learned from it all. She wanted to join the military or become a police officer at some point in her life but, because her mother being frightened of her career path she decided to get her Associate Degree in Legal Assisting. Evelyn's first employment after moving to the state of Texas was with the Fort Worth Police Department as a Call-Taker and then a Dispatcher. She later moved on to the Euless Police Department and finally ended up with the Tarrant County Criminal District Clerk's Office and has been employed here for 20 years.

Evelyn loves entertaining friends and family and goes the extra mile to help those in need. Evelyn used to teach salsa lessons; dancing is her passion. Evelyn started with our office as an Associate Clerk and has worked her way up to a Floor Manager.

E-FILING RETURN FOR CORRECTION REPORTS

We have provided e-filing breakdown reports below, by section, for FY 2020. Our staff continues to work diligently to process all e-filing in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact our office.



TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK CIVIL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2020



MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	1,003	153	11,949	550	12,952	703	13,655	5.43%
NOVEMBER	770	101	9,014	432	9,784	533	10,317	5.45%
DECEMBER	745	115	9,244	477	9,989	592	10,581	5.93%
JANUARY	883	90	11,345	618	12,228	708	12,936	5.79%
FEBRUARY	683	82	9,996	531	10,679	613	11,292	5.74%
MARCH	828	155	9,519	519	10,347	674	11,021	6.51%
APRIL	591	78	8,284	469	8,875	547	9,422	6.16%
MAY	531	84	8,213	371	8,744	455	9,199	5.20%
JUNE	679	84	8,896	569	9,575	653	10,228	6.82%
JULY	730	78	9,019	649	9,749	727	10,476	7.46%
AUGUST	1,141	125	9,149	619	10,290	744	11,034	7.23%
SEPTEMBER	1,460	161	10,111	602	11,571	763	12,334	6.59%
TOTALS	10,044	1,306	114,739	6,406	124,783	7,712	132,495	6.18%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK TAX E-FILING REPORT - FY 2020

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	404	5	2,280	40	2,684	45	2,729	1.68%
NOVEMBER	403	3	1,512	32	1,915	35	1,950	1.83%
DECEMBER	276	6	1,330	30	1,606	36	1,642	2.24%
JANUARY	266	7	2,167	37	2,433	44	2,477	1.81%
FEBRUARY	220	13	1,485	40	1,705	53	1,758	3.11%
MARCH	312	14	1,317	38	1,629	52	1,681	3.19%
APRIL	174	6	1,495	12	1,669	18	1,687	1.08%
MAY	120	4	1,106	27	1,226	31	1,257	2.53%
JUNE	267	0	1,235	20	1,502	20	1,522	1.33%
JULY	209	10	1,337	19	1,546	29	1,575	1.88%
AUGUST	305	3	1,048	22	1,353	25	1,378	1.85%
SEPTEMBER	301	4	1,494	30	1,795	34	1,829	1.89%
TOTALS	3,257	75	17,806	347	21,063	422	21,485	2.00%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK FAMILY E-FILING REPORT - FY 2020

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	1,485	351	7,184	637	8,669	988	9,657	11.40%
NOVEMBER	1,045	322	6,028	646	7,073	968	8,041	13.69%
DECEMBER	990	300	5,527	508	6,517	808	7,325	12.40%
JANUARY	1,374	383	6,857	605	8,231	988	9,219	12.00%
FEBRUARY	1,086	463	6,563	641	7,649	1,104	8,753	14.43%
MARCH	1,195	482	6,460	674	7,655	1,156	8,811	15.10%
APRIL	1,268	663	6,700	753	7,968	1,416	9,384	17.77%
MAY	1,014	629	7,103	690	8,117	1,319	9,436	16.25%
JUNE	1,417	1,065	8,978	861	10,395	1,926	12,321	18.53%
JULY	1,529	878	9,744	864	11,273	1,742	13,015	15.45%
AUGUST	1,317	667	9,311	869	10,628	1,536	12,164	14.45%
SEPTEMBER	1,335	586	9,609	944	10,944	1,530	12,474	13.98%
TOTALS	15,055	6,789	90,064	8,692	105,119	15,481	120,600	14.73%



TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK AG E-FILING REPORT - FY 2020

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	1,241	106	3,013	209	4,254	315	4,569	7.40%
NOVEMBER	998	70	2,441	135	3,439	205	3,644	5.96%
DECEMBER	955	85	2,612	168	3,567	253	3,820	7.09%
JANUARY	1,233	171	2,670	185	3,903	356	4,259	9.12%
FEBRUARY	925	55	2,910	168	3,835	223	4,058	5.81%
MARCH	892	253	2,614	178	3,506	431	3,937	12.29%
APRIL	1,321	117	2,389	190	3,710	307	4,017	8.27%
MAY	940	68	2,020	169	2,960	237	3,197	8.01%
JUNE	576	17	2,505	175	3,081	192	3,273	6.23%
JULY	879	190	3,048	211	3,927	401	4,328	10.21%
AUGUST	593	54	2,387	204	2,980	258	3,238	8.66%
SEPTEMBER	626	33	2,118	178	2,744	211	2,955	7.69%
TOTALS	11,179	1,219	30,727	2,170	41,906	3,389	45,295	8.09%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK FELONY / CIVIL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2020

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	246	69	358	11	604	80	684	13.25%
NOVEMBER	203	35	362	13	565	48	613	8.50%
DECEMBER	181	46	308	10	489	56	545	11.45%
JANUARY	278	25	254	5	532	30	562	5.64%
FEBRUARY	216	15	283	14	499	29	528	5.81%
MARCH	257	31	250	7	507	38	545	7.50%
APRIL	162	21	284	3	446	24	470	5.38%
MAY	175	23	191	6	366	29	395	7.92%
JUNE	189	40	359	6	548	46	594	8.39%
JULY	244	26	258	1	502	27	529	5.38%
AUGUST	253	35	336	7	589	42	631	7.13%
SEPTEMBER	215	29	252	7	467	36	503	7.71%
TOTALS	2,619	395	3,495	90	6,114	485	6,599	7.93%



TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK CRIMINAL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2020

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	0	0	4,984	191	4,984	191	5,175	3.83%
NOVEMBER	0	0	4,100	121	4,100	121	4,221	2.95%
DECEMBER	0	0	3,950	176	3,950	176	4,126	4.46%
JANUARY	0	0	5,007	234	5,007	234	5,241	4.67%
FEBRUARY	0	0	4,881	221	4,881	221	5,102	4.53%
MARCH	0	0	4,154	204	4,154	204	4,358	4.91%
APRIL	0	0	2,890	111	2,890	111	3,001	3.84%
MAY	0	0	3,090	157	3,090	157	3,247	5.08%
JUNE	0	0	3,552	253	3,552	253	3,805	7.12%
JULY	0	0	3,365	241	3,365	241	3,606	7.16%
AUGUST	0	0	3,297	238	3,297	238	3,535	7.22%
SEPTEMBER	0	0	3,430	229	3,430	229	3,659	6.68%
TOTALS	0	0	46,700	2,376	46,700	2,376	49,076	5.09%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK GRAND TOTAL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2020

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	4,379	684	29,768	1,638	34,147	2,322	36,469	6.80%
NOVEMBER	3,419	531	23,457	1,379	26,876	1,910	28,786	7.11%
DECEMBER	3,147	552	22,971	1,369	26,118	1,921	28,039	7.36%
JANUARY	4,034	676	28,300	1,684	32,334	2,360	34,694	7.30%
FEBRUARY	3,130	628	26,118	1,615	29,248	2,243	31,491	7.67%
MARCH	3,484	935	24,314	1,620	27,798	2,555	30,353	9.19%
APRIL	3,516	885	22,042	1,538	25,558	2,423	27,981	9.48%
MAY	2,780	808	21,723	1,420	24,503	2,228	26,731	9.09%
JUNE	3,128	1,206	25,525	1,884	28,653	3,090	31,743	10.78%
JULY	3,591	1,182	26,771	1,985	30,362	3,167	33,529	10.43%
AUGUST	3,609	884	25,528	1,959	29,137	2,843	31,980	9.76%
SEPTEMBER	3,937	813	27,014	1,990	30,951	2,803	33,754	9.06%
TOTALS	42,154	9,784	303,531	20,081	345,685	29,865	375,550	8.64%



Cases Filed

You may see the report below in more detail by clicking **here** or visiting the District Clerk website at http://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/district-clerk.html and selecting Statistics under the Find Information section.

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Cases Filled	FY2011	% Increase	FY2012	% Increase	FY2013	% Increase	FY2014	% Increase	FY2015	% increase	FY2016	% Increase	EY2017	% Increase	FY2018	% Increase	FY2019	% Increase	FY2020	Total Incre Over 10 ye
Civil including Tax Cases	12,630	-10.00%	10,533	-15.02%	8,888	12.24%	9,975	14.81%	11,453	-5.35%	10,840	7.22%	11,023	2.75%	11,943	3.00%	12,301	-0.58%	12,230	-3%
riminal (includes Revocations)	15,551	9.48%	17,025	0.07%	17,139	1.03%	17,316	0.14%	17,341	-0.05%	17,228	5.17%	18,119	15.75%	20,973	5.50%	22,125	0.94%	22,335	44%
amily (includes AG Cases)	28,105	-4.37%	26,877	13.00%	30,387	-5.93%	28,281	-0.55%	25,429	6.35%	28,107	7.99%	30,352	3.25%	31,342	-5.44%	29,323	-6.30%	27,476	-2%
luvenie	2,505	0.44%	2,516	-1.15%	2,487	-11.10%	2,211	-11.58%	1,955	-3.94%	1,878	39.19%	2,614	11.20%	2,000	31.50%	3,828	-18.75%	3,110	24%
IVII Cases Related to Criminal Matters	2,155	17.54%	2,533	4.90%	2,057	-12.05%	2,313	2.25%	2,365	14.21%	2,701	0.37%	2,711	10.92%	3,007	12.77%	3,301	-13.54%	2,032	36%
otal	60,955	-2.41%	59,484	3.49%	61,558	-2.37%	60,097	-0.92%	59,543	2.03%	60,754	7.08%	65,419	7.27%	70,174	1.13%	70,969	-4.07%	68,083	12%
Ivil Without Tax	7.534	-14.83%	0.417	4.29%	6.692	-3.84%	0.435	5.05%	6.760	0.37%	6.785	8.37%	7.353	0.04%	8.084	4.52%	8.449	4.11%	8.795	17%
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Cases Filed																				
Attorney General	12,944	-11.12%	11,505	35.17%	15,551	-12.49%	13,500	-18.83%	11,045	11.02%	12,330	15.05%	14,187	7.04%	15,185	-20.00%	12,044	-11.02%	10,544	-18%
Tax	5,105	-10.37%	4,110	-40.05%	2,195	61.25%	3,541	32.53%	4,593	-13.50%	4,055	5.30%	4,270	-9.63%	3,850	-0.18%	3,852	-10.85%	3,434	-33%
Pending Cases	_											$\overline{}$		$\overline{}$						_
Civil Including Tax Cases	18,282	-11.28%	15,219	-12.03%	14,122	-0.49%	14,053	1.57%	14,274	-14.12%	12,258	-7.62%	11,324	-0.04%	11,310	-2.00%	11,093	5.84%	11,741	-36%
Criminal (includes Revocations)	8,145	-0.82%	8,079	2.75%	8,302	7.00%	8,891	-10.21%	7,983	14.71%	9,157	5.52%	9,763	23.29%	12,037	15.00%	13,025	41.01%	19,752	143%
Family (includes AG Cases)	14,700	-8.27%	13,484	18.17%	15,034	-1.31%	15,726	-12.83%	13,700	8.01%	14,880	17.11%	17,437	5.20%	18,350	-9.58%	16,602	29.62%	21,510	46%
Juvenile	851	-0.58%	705	-3.40%	768	-0.01%	751	3.20%	785	-10.54%	050	31.25%	851	4.41%	899	11.08%	1,004	-10.73%	835	-2%
CIVII Cases Related to Criminal Matters	1,050	5.05%	1,103	1.45%	1,110	-10.55%	1,001	3.50%	1,037	17.15%	1,215	-10.13%	1,019	14.23%	1,104	17.18%	1,354	-25.10%	1,008	-4%
	8/31/2011		8/31/2012		8/31/2013		8/31/2014		8/31/2015		8/31/2015	-	8/31/2017	-	8/31/2018		8/31/2019		8/31/2020	
Total Pending Cases	43,029		39,680		40,245		40,432		37,789		38,175		40,404		43,779		43,989		54,866	28%
Civil Without Tax	6,543	-8.83%	5,955	3.81%	6,192	0.27%	5,200	6.52%	5,514	-2.50%	5,443	-26.66%	4,725	54.14%	7,283	4.80%	7,639	9.87%	8,393	28%
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Average # of Cases Filed Per Month																				
	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020										
CIVII Including Tax Cases	1,053	878	741	831	954	903	969	995	1,025	1,019		State Fisca	Year Sept	ember 1 thro	ugh Augus	t31				
Criminal	1,296	1,419	1,428	1,443	1,445	1,436	1,510	1,748	1,844	1,861										
amiy	2,342	2,240	2,532	2,357	2,202	2,342	2,529	2,612	2,444	2,290		"Increase	n civil case	s filed in FY2	2003 due to	new tort re	form legisla	stion.		
Juvenile	209	210	207	184	163	157	218	242	319	259										_
Civil Cases Related to Criminal Matters	180	211	221	193	197	225	226	251	283	244			cases filed	impacted by	COVID-19					_
Attorney General	1.079	959	1,296	1.134	921	1,028	1,182	1,266	1.004	887								-		_
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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



E-filing Questions?

Call for assistance:



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-Lead Felony/Civil Clerk

Lead Clerk - 817-884-2514

Melissa Summers – Auxiliary

Lead Auxiliary Clerk - 817-884-1156

Shawn Rosemeyer - Expunctions

Associate Clerk – 817-884-1231

Brittany Sutton-Seizures

Associate Clerk - 817-884-2508



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