



District Clerk Newsletter

Thomas A. Wilder, District Clerk



DISTRICT CLERK CORNER

Dear Legal Professionals,

There is a matter that I am asking your help on – those filings that we must “return for correction”.

Pursuant to our duty required by the Texas Supreme Court in Rule 21, we must return documents filed that don’t conform to the standards of the rules.

Of course, this causes high phone traffic for my staff as well as yours. Please review the report on “return for correction” by Criminal, Family, Civil and overall, on pages 3-4.

I hope you will agree that these numbers can be reduced which will save taxpayer dollars and ease the burden on your staff as well.

BTW, the 2023 Jury Calendar with the quick reference court numbers are located at each file desk if you want one. We have an unprecedented number of new District Court judges, so you may want to use this calendar.

NOTE: Judge Robb Catalano (Criminal District Court Number 3) resigned after our print deadline and Governor Abbott appointed Douglas Allen as the replacement.

Finally, it is to be hoped that the Texas Legislature won’t impact us too severely, but you may be sure that we are monitoring the bills that are filed and will use our resources to try and lessen any adverse effects.

Best wishes to all for the New Year!

Sincerely,

District Clerk
 DClerk@TarrantCounty.com

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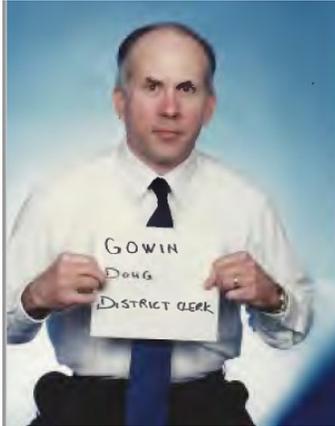
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Senior Management Spotlight

Doug Gowin, Operations Manager



Doug began working for Tarrant County in 1993 for District Clerk Tom Hughes (1987 – 1994) as Information Systems Coordinator to head the District Clerk's Information Systems (IS) staff. Doug's team was tasked to complete the software development of District Clerk's JIMS, TIMS, and CIMSON applications which were still being developed. The DC's IS staff also stabilized and upgraded the DC's Server/Network/Desktop systems and provided support for the DC's Dial-In System (30+ subscribers). In 2006, Doug was promoted to Operations Manager providing management oversight to all areas of the District Clerk.

Prior to 1993, Doug worked for several Aerospace and Communications software development companies. He worked on various DoD software development projects for the B2, F-117, F-16, C-130, B52, and V-22 programs. Civilian programs included electrical power grid monitoring

systems and maintenance of US Postal Service systems.

Doug is originally from Dallas and moved to Arlington in 1980. He completed his undergraduate studies in Business Administration receiving a BBA from Northwood University in 1996. In 1999, Doug received an MBA in Technical Management from the University of Phoenix. He is a Life Member of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers).

In his spare time Doug enjoys spending time with his wife Judy and beagle mix Cosmo. Hobbies include woodworking, model railroading, gardening, and reading. Doug is also a licensed amateur radio (ham) operator (KB5SNX).

In January 2023 Doug celebrated his 30-year anniversary with Tarrant County.



Welcome New District and Associate Judges

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome a few new District Judges and new Associate Judges to Tarrant County!

Criminal District Court 3

Judge Douglas Allen

Criminal District Court 4

Judge Andy Porter

371st District Court

Judge Ryan Hill

372nd District Court

Judge Julie Lugo

485th District Court

Judge Steve Jumes

324th District Court

Judge Beth Poulos

Associate Lori DeAngelis

325th District Court

Judge Cynthia F. Terry

Associate Judge Kristina Denapolis West

323rd District Court

Associate Riley Shaw

Associate Judith Van Hoof

E-FILING RETURN FOR CORRECTION REPORTS

We have provided e-filing breakdown reports below, by section, for the 1st quarter of FY 2023. 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 2023

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	990	99	11,469	658	12,459	757	13,216	6.08%
NOVEMBER	880	130	10,047	595	10,927	725	11,652	6.63%
DECEMBER	750	113	9,652	567	10,402	680	11,082	6.54%
TOTALS	2,620	342	31,168	1,820	33,788	2,162	35,950	6.40%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK TAX E-FILING REPORT - FY 2023

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	365	0	1,292	24	1,657	24	1,681	1.45%
NOVEMBER	368	3	1,520	26	1,888	29	1,917	1.54%
DECEMBER	294	4	1,452	13	1,746	17	1,763	0.97%
TOTALS	1,027	7	4,264	63	5,291	70	5,361	1.32%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK FAMILY E-FILING REPORT - FY 2023

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	1,152	171	9,042	699	10,194	870	11,064	8.53%
NOVEMBER	1,021	212	8,362	625	9,383	837	10,220	8.92%
DECEMBER	803	126	7,458	566	8,261	692	8,953	8.38%
TOTALS	2,976	509	24,862	1,890	27,838	2,399	30,237	8.62%

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK AG E-FILING REPORT - FY 2023

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	423	26	2,015	144	2,438	170	2,608	6.97%
NOVEMBER	423	11	1,806	149	2,229	160	2,389	7.18%
DECEMBER	431	26	1,417	106	1,848	132	1,980	7.14%
TOTALS	1,277	63	5,238	399	6,515	462	6,977	7.09%

**TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK
FELONY / CIVIL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2023**

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	124	47	461	6	585	53	638	9.06%
NOVEMBER	131	43	327	5	458	48	506	10.48%
DECEMBER	116	54	409	7	525	61	586	11.62%
TOTALS	371	144	1,197	18	1,568	162	1,730	10.33%

**TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK
CRIMINAL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2023**

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	0	0	5,249	199	5,249	199	5,448	3.79%
NOVEMBER	0	0	4,343	124	4,343	124	4,467	2.86%
DECEMBER	0	0	4,208	140	4,208	140	4,348	3.33%
TOTALS	0	0	13,800	463	13,800	463	14,263	3.36%

**TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK
GRAND TOTAL E-FILING REPORT - FY 2023**

MONTH	INITIAL	INITIAL REJ	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ	TOT ACCEPT	TOT REJ	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
OCTOBER	3,054	343	29,528	1,730	32,582	2,073	34,655	6.36%
NOVEMBER	2,823	399	26,405	1,524	29,228	1,923	31,151	6.58%
DECEMBER	2,394	323	24,596	1,399	26,990	1,722	28,712	6.38%
TOTALS	8,271	1,065	80,529	4,653	88,800	5,718	94,518	6.44%

The 88th Legislative Session

Regular session began January 10 and runs through May 29.

DATES OF INTEREST | 88TH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session Begins

- Tuesday, January 10, 2023 First day of 88th Regular Session; Legislature convenes at noon.
(Sec. 5(a), Article III, Texas Constitution; Sec. 301.001, Government Code)
- Tuesday, January 17, 2023 Inauguration.
- Friday, March 10, 2023 60-day deadline for bill filing.
- Monday, May 29, 2023 Last day of 88th Regular Session (sine die).

Looking back...

As we begin 2023, it is a good time to look back at changes in the District Clerk's office over the past 3 decades. While it may be thought otherwise, even in county government, change occurs "mostly" for the better. Here's a quick look...

In 1993 the District Clerk was located in 4 county buildings –

The Tarrant County Justice Center (now the Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center) opened in 1991 housing the Criminal and Civil clerks as well as the District Clerk Administrative offices.



At the time the Family Law clerks and courts were still located in the 1957 Civil Courts Building attached to the west side of the 1895 Court house. While considered advanced when built, by 1995 was needing a serious update or replacement.



The interior workspace for the clerks was in a word – bad. The ceilings and windows leaked. The floors were worn and uneven. The A/C and elevators routinely failed. However, most serious was the basement "dungeon" which at the time housed the District Clerk closed records section. Rain from even minor storms would leak into areas housing paper records.

Here are some photos from the clerk's file desk area showing file desk and mail bins –



Something needed to be done until the new Family Law Center opened. Minor improvements were made to floors and ceiling leaks, but elevators and power still failed until...

In 2005 the Family Law Center opened. More space, records out of the basement, A/C and elevators mostly worked...



So, that leaves the Civil Clerks/Courts and DC Administrative offices to move into the Tom Vandergriff Civil Courts Building in 2015.



In 2023 the District Clerk opened new offices, (4th location) for Juvenile court staff in the Scott D. Moore Juvenile Justice Center.

In the next newsletter we'll cover how technology has changed since 1993.

CRIMINAL DISTRICT CLERK APPEALS SECTION

401 W. Belknap Street, 3rd Floor
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

Appeals Clerk for CDC1, CDC3, D297, D371, D372 & D485:

Spencer Johnson – (817) 884-2885

Appeals Clerk for CDC2, CDC4, D213, D396 & D432:

Bryan Gardner – (817) 884-2507

Post-Conviction 11.07 Clerk:

Gloria Ewery – (817) 884-2022

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Whitney Amador has been with Tarrant County since March of 2019. From 2019 to present day working for the District Clerk's Office as a scanner, court room clerk, collection's clerk, e-filing clerk, before being promoted to collection/accounting admin clerk. Going on four years, Whitney is proud to be working at Tarrant County, following in her father's footsteps, and is looking forward to a long career growing not only in opportunities and experiences, but gaining friendships along her journey to retirement. When not working, Whitney enjoys spending time with her family, especially her newborn nephew. She also enjoys reading (with a good cup of coffee), listening along with

playing music, video games, and traveling.

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, East Building



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 only.

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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