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A message from the

District Clerk

OFF AND RUNNING!

Dear Legal Professional –

We are really rolling with the replacement for our aging JIMS Court Case Management software.

While the new Criminal Case Management System was installed in 2023 and has been running successfully since, there were delays in getting the replacement for the civil, family, juvenile and accounting systems. A new Commissioner's Court was elected and took office in 2023, and a study was initiated to get new court members comfortable with the way forward. A consultant was hired by Commissioner's Court and gave his report in December 2025.

I was able to fund the new system without using general fund money, saving our taxpayers 1.8 million dollars, which was the cost for the new system.

On July 14, 2026, Commissioners Court approved the plan and commended me for the cost-effective way that the new software will be built with the active oversight of the District Clerk which will be different than the Criminal piece was done. With our CIO and County Administrator as co-stakeholders, local control will be achieved as all 3 of us have years of project management experience.

Finally, the new software will have better security, more user-friendly functions and be more cost effective. That will allow us to hold down head count in processing our ever-growing caseload in a large county.

Regards,

Tom Wilder



Web Access to Court Records
Go to
<https://dcsa.tarrantcounty.com>
to apply today!

Important Dates

County Holidays

November 11	Veterans Day
November 26-27	Thanksgiving
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day



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Inclement Weather Filing Procedure

NOTICE!

In the event Tarrant County Government Offices are closed due to inclement weather, the District Clerk's office will utilize one of the following filing procedures:

Option 1:

Self-represented filed with Civil/Family cases only

T.R.C.P. Rule 5. Enlargement of Time **If you elect to use this filing option, (on the next open hours) inform the clerk of the court in which you are filing the pleading(s) to keep the postmarked envelope.

Option 2:

Place the pleading(s) in the designated deposit box located at the information station at 401 W. Belknap, Justice Center or 200 East Weatherford St, Family Law Center.

**T.R.C.P. Rule 5, Paragraph 2

If any document is sent to the proper clerk by first-class US mail in an envelope or wrapper properly addressed and stamped and is deposited in the mail on or before the last day of filing same, the same, if received by the clerk not more than 10 days tardy, shall be filed by the clerk and be deemed filed in time. A legible postmark affixed by the US Postal Service shall be prima facie evidence of the date of mailing.

Option 3:

File documents electronically through an e-filing service provider.

TechShare System Modernization Update



Our team recently met with Techshare to review the latest developments for our new Court Case Management and Accounting System, which will replace the current JIMS software used for Civil, Family, Juvenile, Tax, and Accounting functions. The Criminal Case Management System was successfully completed in May 2023, and the next phase of modernization is now officially underway.

On July 14, 2026, Commissioners Court approved the new system, funded through the District Clerk's dedicated fund. District Clerk staff, along with partner county offices, participated in the review as we move forward with this important upgrade.

Tarrant County 2026 Empowering Seniors Expo

The 2026 Empowering Seniors Expo took place on October 1 at the Amon G. Carter Jr. Exhibits Hall in Fort Worth, bringing together thousands of seniors, caregivers, and community partners for a morning of free health screenings, workshops, lunch, and connection. The Expo continues to serve as one of Tarrant County's largest senior focused events, offering access to more than 190 exhibitors and a wide range of wellness and lifestyle resources.

Originally created in 2009 to support seniors in Northeast Tarrant County, the event expanded significantly in 2024 when it merged with the county's Senior Synergy Expo, creating a single, countywide program designed to reach even more residents. The result is a robust annual gathering dedicated to supporting healthy, independent living for older adults.

This year's photo highlights District Clerk Tom Wilder on stage during the opening announcements, joined by Tax Assessor Rick Barnes, County Judge Tim O'Hare, and Commissioner Matt Krause, reflecting the countywide collaboration that makes the event possible.



District Clerk's Office Attending TDCA Annual Workshop

District Clerk Tom Wilder and his staff will attend the Texas District Court Alliance (TDCA) 26th Annual Workshop, scheduled for October 20–22, 2026, in Kerrville, Texas. The District Clerk is required to complete 20 hours of continuing education each year.

The TDCA provides statewide education and training for district court personnel, offering expert-led sessions and maintaining uniform, up to date court forms used across Texas.

This year's workshop focuses on administrative duties, personnel management, records management, and current issues affecting district courts.

Participation in this workshop strengthens our office's knowledge, resources, and ability to better serve the public.

Tarrant County National Adoption Day

Tarrant County is proud to celebrate National Adoption Day 2026 on Friday, November 20th, a special day dedicated to creating forever families and raising awareness about the hundreds of children in foster care who are waiting for permanent, loving homes.

Each year, this event brings together judges, court staff, attorneys, volunteers, child advocates, and community partners to ensure that adoption finalizations take place in a warm, joyful, and memorable environment. Families participating in this year's celebration will experience a day filled with support, encouragement, and excitement as their adoption journeys become official.



NATIONAL
ADOPTION DAY

How You Can Support the Celebration

Your generosity helps make this day even more meaningful for the children and families involved.

Donate in person: Drop off your new stuffed animal or book at any of our countywide donation bins.

These gifts will be shared with children on Adoption Day, adding an extra layer of comfort and joy to their milestone moment.

National Adoption Day serves as a powerful reminder that every child deserves a safe, stable, and nurturing home. Tarrant County remains committed to supporting adoptive families and celebrating the children whose lives are forever changed through adoption.

Manager Spotlight



Criminal Section - Jennifer Hooks

We are shining the criminal section spotlight this month on Jennifer Hooks. Jennifer began her career with Tarrant County in the Sheriff's Department as a booking clerk in 1999. After 3 years she was promoted to Bond desk Clerk. While at the bond desk Jennifer was nominated for non-sworn employee of the year twice and was fortunate to win the second time. Jennifer transferred to the District Clerk's office in 2015 beginning in D297 with Judge Hagerman. She has worked in multiple District Courts and was promoted to Administrative Court Clerk in 2017. In the fall of 2023, Jennifer was promoted to the role of Verifier/Floor Manager. Jennifer's hard work and dedication paved the way for her most recent promotion to Assistant Criminal Manager in August 2026 where she displays an exceptional work ethic, reliability, and a wealth of knowledge.

Jennifer was born in Indiana and moved to Texas when she was 13. She has been married for 28 years and has 4 children. Her hobbies include doing crafts, puzzles and spending time with her family.

Welcome Our New Clerks!

We are delighted to announce several new additions to our clerk team! These new team members bring diverse backgrounds and fresh perspectives to our office. Please take a moment to introduce yourself when you see them in the hallways. We look forward to the valuable contributions each will make to their respective departments!

Civil Section



Left to Right: Wilnetia Williams, Jarad Garland, Ashia Ramirez

Family Law Section



Back Row (Left to Right): Adora Okwumuo, Jessica Ortega, Savannah Kotchey, Christopher Binder
Front Row (Left to Right): Danielle Pennycuff, Leilani Tovez, Tiffany Whitlock

Criminal Section



Left to Right: Ashley St John, Gabriall Dowl, Andrea Medrano

Juvenile Section



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Manager Spotlight



Family Law Section - Cynthia King

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Cynthia King to Assistant Manager in our Family Law section, a goal she has had since the inception of her career with the District Clerk's Office.

Cynthia began as a Civil Tax Clerk in June of 2019 and was then assigned to the File Desk, where she thrived. Cynthia's strong work ethic and attention to detail have always been noticeable and something for which she takes pride. By November 2020, Cynthia was promoted to Accounting Collections Clerk, where she continued to build her skillset and expertise, which led her to another promotion in April of 2025 as the Accounting Collections Specialist. Building on her leadership skills and her knowledge and mastery of case management, Cynthia parlayed her achievements into her current role as Assistant Family Manager.

Originally from Toledo, Ohio, Cynthia spends her free time lifting weights and taking HIIT classes with her husband, Oran. They also love road trips together on long weekends; traveling to tropical islands; hosting family for football, holidays, birthdays (or just because); hosting neighborhood gatherings; working in their yard; cheering for the Seahawks; watching home-improvement and true crime shows; taking weekend naps; and taking turns making healthy meals for each other (though Oran does most of the cooking). Cynthia's children (all raised in Texas) are Alexandra (26), Nicholas (24), and Samuel (22). Her stepchildren are Lindsay (30), Gabby (29), and mother to Lily (6) and Liam (2 months)], and Spencer (28), who all live in Washington State.

Previous careers include; Class Clown, Grocery Manager, Radio News Anchor, Cake Artist, Stay-at-home mom, and Legal Assistant at a law firm.

With more than 7 years of service to our office, Cynthia continues to grow and learn in her skills and leadership, fostering a positive and welcoming work environment for everyone in the office.

Contact your District Clerk's Office

The Felony/Civil Division

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.

Administrative Felony/Civil Clerk
817-884-1156

Auxiliary
Lead Auxiliary Clerk
817-884-2514

Expunctions
817-884-1231

Seizures
817-884-2508



Visit us online!

E-Filing Questions?

Call for assistance

Family:	817-212-6954
Civil:	817-212-6953
Criminal:	817-884-1342
Felony/Civil:	817-884-2508

Family

Infoline:	817-212-1265
Filedask:	817-212-2576
Document Production:	817-884-1129
Disposed Records:	817-884-1880
Juvenile:	817-838-4645

Civil / Tax

Infoline:	817-884-1240
Filedask:	817-884-2536
Document Production:	817-884-1591
Tax:	817-212-7207

Locations



**Tim Curry Criminal
Justice Center**

401 W Belknap Street
Fort Worth, TX 76196



**Tom Vandergriff Civil
Courts Building**

100 N Calhoun Street
Fort Worth, TX 76196



**Scott D. Moore Juvenile
Justice Center**

2701 Kimbo Road, East Building
Fort Worth, TX 76111



Family Law Center

200 E Weatherford Street
Fort Worth, TX 76196