



# DISTRICT CLERK THOMAS A. WILDER

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## NEWSLETTER

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*A message from the*

## District Clerk

Dear Legal Professionals:

County government is on the move! Tax rates have been lowered once again this year to a level that will offset “valuation creep”. That’s two years in a row – Never happened before.

Of course, that puts an extra burden on the elected official to do more with less, but I made the commitment to do that, and I plan on being successful.

However, I intend on keeping our same good service levels as in years past. That includes a replacement for our Civil, Family and Juvenile case management system (JIMS). Funding for the mapping and other requirements for a new system is in place and has begun in our Juvenile section.

Commissioners’ Court will have to vote for future funding of the completed new system which I hope will be done next year.

Also, of note, will be the construction of new elevators in the Tim Curry Criminal Justice Center that should solve our current elevator shortage. These will be for staff and judiciary and will be on the west side of the building and will impact operations in our office somewhat. Stay tuned, more later on that.

Best wishes to you and your family for the coming holiday season.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Wilder".

District Clerk  
DClerk@TarrantCountytx.gov





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# Important Dates

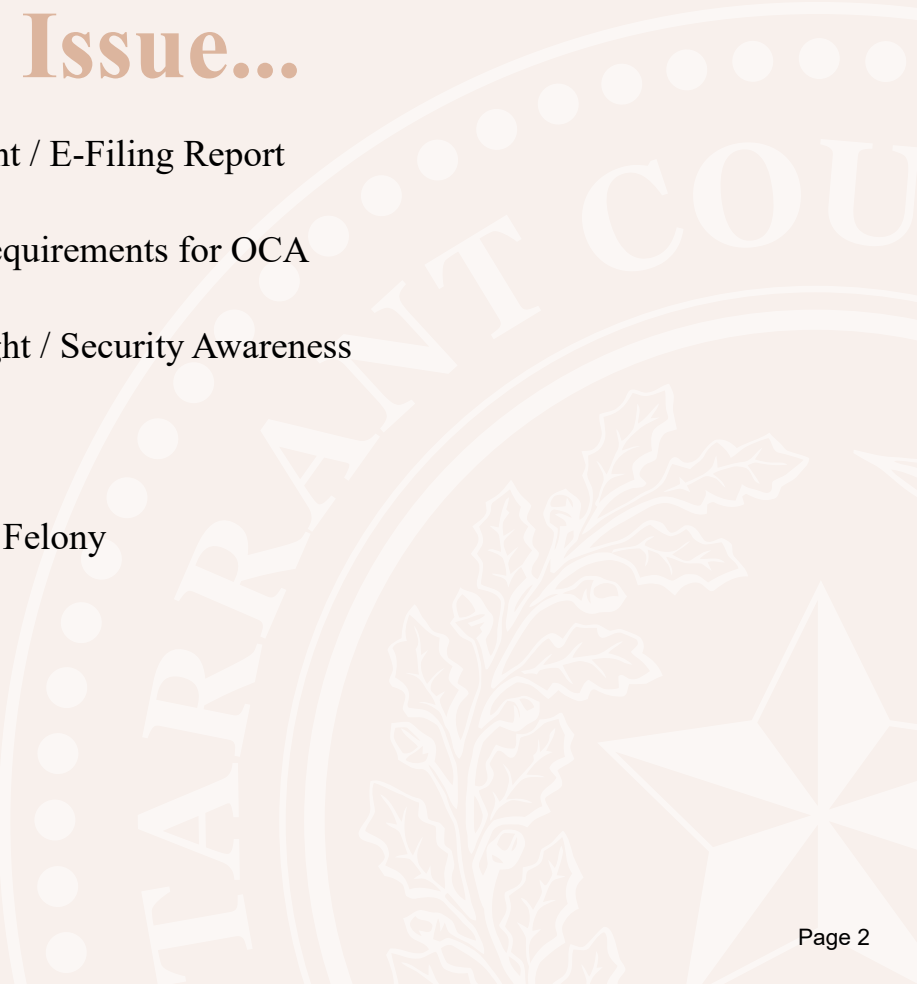
## County Holidays

November 28-29	Thanksgiving
December 24-25	Christmas Holiday
January 1	New Years Day



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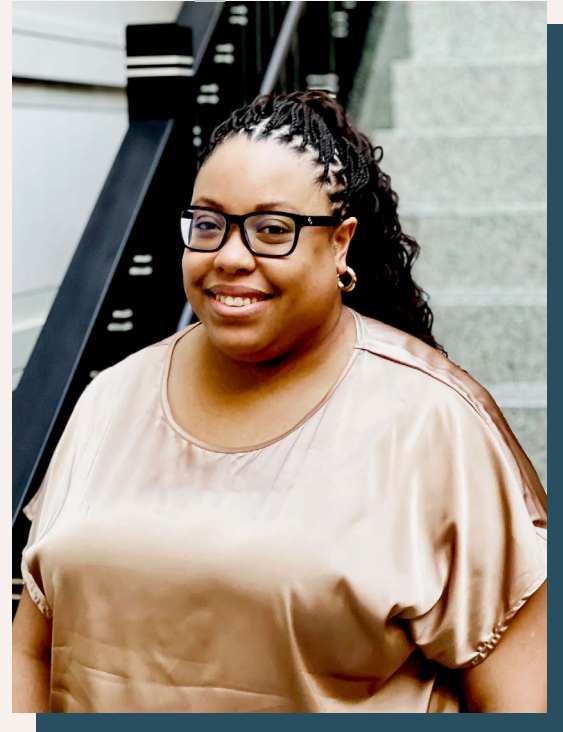
# Employee Spotlight

Maliah Lacy

We're excited to introduce our newest team member, Maliah, who brings a wealth of experience and passion to the Tarrant County District Clerk's Office- Records Section. A Dallas County native, Maliah has deep connections to the vibrant culture of North Texas. Her upbringing was filled with dance, twirling, and singing competitions across the state, instilling in her the values of discipline and teamwork.

When not at work, you might find Maliah engrossed in a good book, conquering virtual worlds in computer games, or hosting movie and game nights with friends. She and her family are avid sports fans, particularly of the NBA and NFL. Their game-day gatherings are extra special, as some family members have even been part of professional teams!

Maliah is thrilled to begin this new chapter with us. She's eager to contribute her skills, learn, and grow in her new role while maintaining the enthusiasm that has defined her journey so far. Please join us in welcoming Maliah to our team!



## E-FILING RETURN FOR CORRECTION REPORTS

We have provided e-filing reports below, by section, for FY 2024. Our staff continues to work diligently to process all e-filing in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please refer to the detailed comments in the returned for correction email from your point of contact.

DEPARTMENT	INITIAL	INITAIL REJ.	SUBSEQUENT	SUBSEQUENT REJ.	TOT ACCEPT	TOTAL REJ.	GRAND TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
Civil	1,128	229	16,031	931	17,159	1,160	18,319	6.76%
Tax	3,803	28	19,052	545	22,855	573	23,428	2.51%
Family	8,649	2,133	120,924	6,199	129,573	8,332	137,905	6.43%
AG	4,549	256	24,223	1,199	28,772	1,455	30,227	5.06%
Felony / Civil	1,148	243	5,077	72	6,225	315	6,540	5.06%
Criminal	0	0	41,765	1,889	41,765	1,889	43,654	4.52%
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>19,277</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>227,072</b>	<b>10,835</b>	<b>246,349</b>	<b>13,724</b>	<b>260,073</b>	<b>5.57%</b>

# New Reporting Requirements for OCA

## Monthly

Section 71.035(a) of the Texas Government Code, (added by [HB 1182](#), 88th Legislature, Regular Session) requires counties with a population of at least one million to include additional information in their monthly reports for each district and county court in the county.

***The reports must include:***

1. The number of cases assigned to the court;
2. The case clearance rate for the court;
3. The number of cases disposed by the court;
4. The number of jury panels empaneled for the court;
- 5. The number of orders of continuance for an attorney before the court or by the court;**
6. The number of pleas accepted by the court;
- 7. The number of cases tried by the judge of the court or before a jury; and**
- 8. The number of cases tried before a visiting or associate judge of the court.**

Reporting by court began April 2024 starting with March 2024 data.



## Annual

Section 72.083(b) of the Texas Government Code, added by [HB 2384](#) (88th Legislature, Regular Session), requires the Office of Court Administration to annually collect and publish a report including performance measures for each district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, and county court. All district, statutory, statutory probate, and county courts will be required to submit annual court level data for the completion of this annual report.

***The report must include:***

1. The court's clearance rate;
2. The average time a case is before the court from filing to disposition; and
3. The age of the court's active pending caseload.

The reporting timeframe for this report is defined as September 1 through August 31. One report will be submitted for each court for the year.

Reports must be submitted on an annual basis to the Data and Research Division by November 1. The first report will cover data from March 1, 2024, through August 31, 2024.

# Supervisor Spotlight

## Jason Biggs



We're excited to introduce our newest team member, Jason, who brings a wealth of experience and passion to the Tarrant County District Clerk's Office – Criminal Section. Originally from Michigan, Jason moved to Fort Worth after graduating from Western Michigan University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Over the course of 13 years, he worked for the City of Fort Worth in various roles across the Police Department and Municipal Court, gaining extensive experience in records management, financial management, and as a Management Analyst.

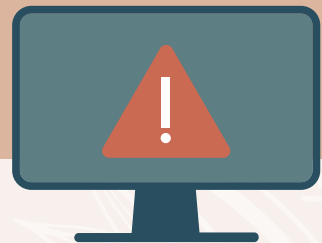
Last year, after moving back to Michigan, Jason took on the role of Internal Auditor for the City of Grand Rapids, where he led comprehensive financial audits and played a key role in enhancing transparency in the city's financial operations. However, it was clear that Fort Worth was home for Jason and his family, and they have since returned to Texas.

Jason met his wife, Raechel, 20 years ago in Kalamazoo, MI. Raechel is currently a teacher with Fort Worth ISD, and together they're raising four children: Addelyn (12), Isabella (10), Jacoby (8), and Amelia (6). Outside of work, Jason enjoys playing ice hockey, while his children are active in volleyball and soccer leagues. The Biggs family loves spending time together, attending local sporting and entertainment events throughout the DFW area, and traveling when time permits.

## Security Awareness

### HB 3834: State Mandated Annual Cybersecurity Awareness Training

Texas Government Code § 2054.5191 requires all county employees, elected officials, and appointed officials who have access to a local government computer system or database and use a computer to perform at least 25 percent of their duties to complete an annual cybersecurity training that has been certified by the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR). Affected entities are required to report their staff's completion of a certified course to DIR by Aug. 31 each year. The Tarrant County District Clerk's Office completed the required training well in advance of the deadline and along with other policies mandated by the District Clerk continues to be vigilant to prevent cyberattacks.



# Business Court

Passed during the 88th Legislature, [House Bill 19](#) goes into effect on September 1, 2024.

## General Information

The Texas Business Court is a statewide, specialized trial court created to resolve certain complex business disputes. The Court is composed of eleven geographical divisions consistent with the existing Administrative Judicial Regions. Five of those divisions will be operational on September 1, 2024, and will each have two judges that are appointed by the Governor. These divisions are the First Business Court Division, located in Dallas; the Third Business Court Division, located in Austin; the Fourth Business Court Division, located in San Antonio; the Eighth Business Court Division, located in Fort Worth; and the Eleventh Business Court Division, located in Houston. The Texas Business Court, inclusive of all eleven divisions, is served by one Clerk of Court, located in Austin, Texas.

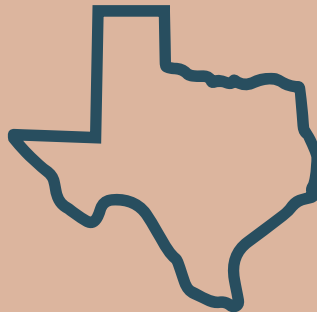
## Business Court Clerk

The administrative presiding judge of the Business Court will appoint a business court clerk, whose office will be in Austin at the William P. Clements Building at 300 W. 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. The clerk shall accept all filings for the business court and fulfill the legal and administrative functions of a district clerk.

If you have questions prior to the appointment of the clerk, please direct them to Interim Clerk, Beverly Crumley via email at [BCclerk@txcourts.gov](mailto:BCclerk@txcourts.gov) or by phone at (737) 710-2790.



**Rules of the  
Business Court**



**Texas Business Court  
Divisions Map**



**Fee Schedule**

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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

## 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

## Family

Infoline:	817-212-6954
Filedsk:	817-212-6953
Document Production:	817-884-1342
Disposed Records:	817-884-2508
Juvenile:	817-838-4645

## Civil / Tax

Infoline:	817-884-1240
Filedsk:	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