

TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 77, Section 77.031, this document delineates standards for the technological needs of the judicial system. This document is approved by the Judicial Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) that was created by the 74th Texas Legislature. Changes to this document are effective 90 days after adoption and publication by the JCIT.

1.2 VERSIONS

| Version | Action | Release Date |
|---------|---|-------------------|
| 1.0 | Initial Draft | April 11, 2012 |
| 1.1 | Added Audio/Video Standards | July 25, 2012 |
| 1.2 | Added eFiling Filing Types | November 12, 2013 |
| 1.3 | Added additional eFiling Types | March 21, 2014 |
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1.3 DEFINITIONS

Attachment – any unique supporting document including exhibits and proposed orders that are not defined in Rule 21 (a) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

Digital Media – any files stored in an electronic format. This can include (but is not limited to) text, audio and video files.

Document – a pleading, plea, motion, application, request, exhibit, brief, memorandum of law, or other instrument in electronic form.

DPI – Dots per inch

Lead Document – a document as defined by Rule 21 (a) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. If filing a single document, it is the lead document.

NARA - National Archives and Records Administration

NIEM – National Information Exchange Model – a partnership of the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to develop, disseminate and support enterprise-wide information exchange standards and processes that can enable jurisdictions to effectively share critical information in emergency situations, as well as support the day-to-day operations of agencies

throughout the nation. NIEM was adopted formally by JCIT and is promulgated in data exchanges in Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 8, Chapter 177.

Electronic Court Filing (ECF) standards – a set of non-proprietary extensible markup language (XML) and Web services specifications, along with clarifying explanations and amendments to those specifications that have been added for the purpose of promoting interoperability among electronic court filing vendors and systems.

OCA – Office of Court Administration

OCR – Optical Character Recognition

PDF – Portable Document Format – for the purpose of these standards this is PDF 1.4 (ISO 19005-1:2005 – Revised as ISP/NP 19005-1). This standard specifies how to use PDF for long-term preservation of electronic documents and is applicable to documents containing combinations of character, raster and vector data.

PDF Distiller – a program or application that converts files into PDF files so that the printed appearance of a document is preserved regardless of the application used to create it. This functionality is commonly seen as “Print to PDF”, “Save to PDF” or “Export to PDF”.

PDF Software – software that conforms to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 32000-1:2008. This standard specifies standards for creating (writing), reading, displaying and interacting with PDF documents.

JCIT – Judicial Committee on Information Technology

1.4 REFERENCES

- NIEM – <http://www.niem.gov>
- OASIS LegalXML Electronic Court Filing (ECF) specifications – <http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/legalxml-courtfiling/>
- VLC media player supported formats – <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/features.html>
- Windows media player supported formats – <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/316992>

2 SYSTEM DATA EXCHANGE STANDARDS

In accordance with Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 8, Chapter 177, information exchanges that occur between the various systems (electronic filing manager, case management, document management, etc.) should occur using the current OASIS LegalXML specifications. The OASIS LegalXML specification is a subset to NIEM.

3 DIGITAL MEDIA STANDARDS

In addition to content and formatting promulgated by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, the following standards apply to digital media filed electronically or scanned from source records (filed after the effective date of these standards) by the clerk.

3.1 DOCUMENTS

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- A. An e-filed document must be in text-searchable PDF, using fonts specified in the PDF specification, on 8.5x11 page size, with the content appropriately rotated.
- B. When possible, the document should be generated directly from the originating software using a PDF distiller.
- C. Prior to being filed electronically, a scanned document must have a resolution of 300 DPI. Preferably, scanned documents should be made searchable using OCR technology.
- D. An e-filed document may not contain any security or feature restrictions including password protection or encryption and may not contain embedded multi-media video, audio, or programming.
- E. Documents may not contain package PDF's. PDF's should not be embedded inside of another PDF. Documents may not contain embedded fonts. Each document must be a single PDF. An appellate court may require that multiple PDF documents be combined into a single PDF document and bookmarks used to separate content appropriately. The content of the document should not depend on bookmarks.
- F. Any e-filed document filename should contain only alphanumeric characters that are part of the Latin1_General character set. No special characters are allowed and the length of the filename should be restricted to 50 characters.

3.2 AUDIO/VIDEO

- A. The following media players are supported (specific audio/video formats can be found on each media player's website):
 - a. VLC media player (VideoLAN Organization)
 - b. Windows media player (Microsoft)
- B. When an audio/video file is natively supported by at least one media player listed in these standards, the file must not be converted into another format.
- C. If an audio/video file is not natively supported by at least one media player listed in these standards, the file must be converted to another format supported by at least one media player listed. The original, any hardware requirements, and software needed to view/hear the original must be submitted as well.
- D. If modifications are needed to enhance the native audio/video, a copy of the original must be made. The modified copy (submitted in addition to the original audio/video) must also be generated in a format supported by at least one media player listed in these standards.

4 EFILING FILING CONFIGURATIONS

Below are the standard filing configurations to be used in the eFiling system for district, county court at law, probate, constitutional county, and justice of the peace courts. This list of filing configurations must be accepted in each court. Courts and clerks may not add to this configuration, but may eliminate codes if not needed in a particular jurisdiction.

It is important to note that these standards only apply to the electronic filing system which is a delivery system and are NOT standards for a county case management or document management system.

4.1 CIVIL CASES – DISTRICT AND COUNTY COURTS

4.1.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

| Case Category Code | Case Type Codes |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Civil – Contract | Debt/Contract – Consumer/DTPA |
| | Debt/Contract – Debt/Contract |
| | Debt/Contract – Fraud/Misrepresentation |
| | Debt/Contract – Other |
| | Foreclosure – Home Equity-Expedited |
| | Foreclosure – Other |
| | Franchise |
| | Insurance |
| | Landlord/Tenant |
| | Non-Competition |
| | Partnership |
| | Other Contract |
| Civil – Employment | Discrimination |
| | Retaliation |
| | Termination |
| | Workers’ Compensation |
| | Other Employment |
| Civil – Injury or Damage | Assault/Battery |
| | Construction |
| | Defamation |
| | Malpractice – Accounting |
| | Malpractice – Legal |
| | Malpractice – Medical |
| | Malpractice – Other Professional Liability |
| | Motor Vehicle Accident |
| | Premises |
| | Product Liability – Asbestos/Silica |
| | Product Liability – Other |
| Other Injury or Damage | |
| Civil – Other Civil | Administrative Appeal |
| | Antitrust/Unfair Competition |
| | Bill of Review |

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| | Code Violations |
| | Communicable Disease |
| | Foreign Judgment |
| | Fraudulent Liens |
| | Garnishment |
| | Intellectual Property |
| | Judicial Review- Fraudulent Documents |
| | Lawyer Discipline |
| | Perpetuate Testimony |
| | Securities/Stock |
| | Tortious Interference |
| | Toll Road |
| | Transfer Structured Settlement Payment Rights |
| | Other Civil |
| Civil – Real Property | Condemnation |
| | Eminent Domain |
| | Partition |
| | Quiet Title |
| | Trespass to Try Title |
| | Other Property |
| Civil – Related to Criminal Matters | Expunction |
| | Judgment Nisi |
| | Non-Disclosure |
| | Occupational Driver’s License |
| | Seizure/Forfeiture |
| | Sexual Predator (Health & Safety Code 841) |
| | Writ of Habeas Corpus – Pre-indictment |
| | Other |
| Civil – Tax | Tax Appraisal |
| | Tax Delinquency |
| | Other Tax |

4.1.2 FILING TYPES

| New Case | Subsequent Filings |
|----------------------------|--|
| Affidavit of Indigency | Affidavit of Indigency |
| Application | Amended Filing |
| Petition | Answer/ Response |
| Proposed Order | Bond |
| Transfer (County Use Only) | Counter Claim/Cross |
| | Action/Interpleader/Intervention/Third Party |
| | Contest |
| | Filing of Action other than Original |
| | Garnishment |
| | Motion (No Fee) |
| | Motion for Contempt |
| | Motion for New Trial |

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| | Motion to Modify Motion to Reinstate Motion to Terminate Wage Withholding Motion to Transfer Notice Notice of Appeal No Fee Documents Proposed Order Request Transfer (County Use Only) Vital Statistics Forms |
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4.2 CIVIL CASES – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

4.2.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

| Case Category Code | Case Type Codes |
|--|--|
| Civil | Administrative |
| | Bill of Review |
| | Debt Claim |
| | Foreign Judgement |
| | Garnishment |
| | Handgun License |
| | Repair and Remedy |
| | Small Claims |
| | Tax Suit |
| | Tow Hearing |
| | Truancy |
| | Turnover |
| | Writ of Sequestration |
| | Writ to Revive Judgement |
| Civil – Injury or Damage | Cruelly Treated Animal |
| | Dangerous Dog |
| | Dog Causing Death or Serious Bodily Injury |
| Civil – Real Property | Eviction |
| | Order for Entry and Property Retrieval |
| | Writ of Re-Entry |
| | Writ of Restoration Utility |
| Civil – Related to Criminal Matters | Bond Forfeiture |
| | Driver’s License Suspension Hearing |
| | Occupational Driver’s License |
| | Stolen or Seized Property |

4.2.2 FILING TYPES

| New Case | Subsequent Filings |
|-----------------|--|
| Affidavit | Abstract of Judgement |
| Application | Affidavit |
| Bill of Review | Amended Filing |
| Petition | Answer Filed |
| Proposed Order | Appeal Filed |
| | Application Filed |
| | Bankruptcy Filed |
| | Bond |
| | Counter Claim/Cross |
| | Action/Interpleader/Intervention/Third Party |
| | Contest |
| | Motion Filed |
| | Motion for Continuance |

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| | Motion for Default Judgment Motion for Discovery Motion for New Trial Motion to Dismiss Motion to Transfer No Fee Documents Notice Notice of Appeal Proposed Order Request Subpoena/Summons Writ of Execution |
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4.3 FAMILY/JUVENILE CASES

The Title IV-D Agency (Texas Office of the Attorney General – Child Support Division) will file its documents under the “Family/Juvenile – Title IV-D (OAG Use Only)” category and use only the case and filing types that begin with “(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) for all its new and subsequent filings.

4.3.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

| Case Category Code | Case Type Codes |
|--|--|
| Family/Juvenile – Marriage Relationship | Annulment with Children |
| | Annulment without Children |
| | Declare Marriage Void |
| | Divorce with Children |
| | Divorce without Children |
| Family/Juvenile – Other Family Law | Adult Adoption |
| | Register Foreign Judgment |
| | Garnishment |
| | Habeas Corpus |
| | Name Change |
| | Protective Order |
| | Removal of Disabilities of Minority |
| | Temporary Authorization for Care of Child |
| | Unaccompanied Alien Child |
| | Other |
| Family/Juvenile – Parent-Child Relationship | Adoption/Adoption with Termination |
| | Child Protection |
| | Child Protection (Gov. Code 24.620) |
| | Child Support |
| | Custody or Visitation |
| | Gestational Parenting |
| | Grandparent Access |
| | Parentage/Paternity/Voluntary Legitimation |
| | Termination of Parental Rights |
| | Other Parent-Child |
| Family/Juvenile – Post-judgment Actions | Enforcement |
| | Modification – Custody |
| | Modification – Other |
| Family/Juvenile – Title IV-D (OAG Use Only) | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – No TX Cause |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – Existing TX Cause |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ |
| | (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents |

4.3.2 FILING TYPES

| New Case | Subsequent Filings |
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| Affidavit of Indigency Application Petition Proposed Order Transfer (County Use Only) (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – No TX Cause (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – Existing TX Cause (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents | Affidavit of Indigency Amended Filing Answer/Contest/Response/Waiver Bond Counter Claim/Cross Action/Interpleader/Intervention/Third Party Habeas Corpus (Continuing Jurisdiction) Motion (No Fee) Motion for Contempt Motion for Enforcement Motion for New Trial Motion to Modify Motion to Modify and Enforce Motion to Reinstate Motion to Revoke/Suspend/Withhold Motion to Stay Motion to Terminate Wage Withholding Motion to Transfer Notice Notice of Appeal Notice of Delinquency No Fee Documents Proposed Order Request Transfer (County Use Only) (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – No TX Cause (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – Existing TX Cause (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents |

4.3.3 PARTY TYPES

For each Title IV-D case type, the court will list one (1) Petitioner and two (2) Respondents as required party types.

4.4 PROBATE CASES

4.4.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

| Case Category Code | Case Type Codes |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Probate | Dependent Administration |
| | Independent Administration |
| | Foreign Will |
| | Letters Testamentary |
| | Muniment of Title |
| | Other Estate Proceedings |
| | Small Estate Proceedings |
| | Open Safety Deposit Box |
| Probate – Guardianship | Guardianship – Adult |
| | Guardianship – Minor |
| | Guardianship Management Trust |
| | Sale of Property |
| Probate – Other | Other Probate |
| | Condemnation/Eminent Domain (Bexar/Denton/Travis County Only) |

4.4.2 FILING TYPES

| New Case | Subsequent Filings |
|----------------------------|--|
| Affidavit on Indigency | Affidavit on Indigency |
| Application | Amended Filing |
| Application with Ad Litem | Annual Account |
| Guardianship Information | Annual Report |
| Letter | Answer/Response |
| Petition | Application for Removal |
| Proposed Order | Application in an Existing Estate |
| Will/Codicil | Application on Sale of Personal Property |
| Transfer (County Use Only) | Application on Sale of Real Property |
| | Bond |
| | Claim |
| | Counter Claim/Cross |
| | Action/Interpleader/Intervention/Third Party/Contest |
| | Final Account |
| | Final Report |
| | Inventory |
| | Inventory – (filed after the 90 th day after the date the personal rep has qualified) |
| | Motion (No Fee) |
| | No Fee Documents |
| | Notice |
| | Oath |
| | Proposed Order |
| | Request |
| | Will/Codicil |

4.5 MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION (MDL) CASES

The case categories and types below are updated upon an order from the Supreme Court creating or removing a MDL case type.

4.5.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

| Case Category Code | Case Type Codes |
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| Multi-District Litigation (MDL) | MDL – Asbestosis |
| | MDL – GM Ignition Switch |
| | MDL – Hailstorm |
| | MDL – Hurricane Ike |
| | MDL – Product Liability |

4.5.2 FILING TYPES

| New Case | Subsequent Filings |
|----------------------------|--|
| Affidavit of Indigency | Affidavit of Indigency |
| Application | Amended Filing |
| Petition | Answer /Response |
| Proposed Order | Bond |
| Transfer (County Use Only) | Counter Claim/Cross |
| | Action/Interpleader/Intervention/Third Party |
| | Contest |
| | Motion (No Fee) |
| | Motion for Contempt |
| | Motion for Enforcement |
| | Motion for New Trial |
| | Motion to Modify |
| | Motion to Reinstate |
| | Motion to Terminate Wage Withholding |
| | Motion to Transfer |
| | Notice |
| | Notice of Appeal |
| | No Fee Documents |
| | Proposed Order |
| | Request |

4.6 CRIMINAL CASES – DISTRICT AND COUNTY COURTS

4.6.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

| Case Category Code | Case Type Codes |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Criminal – Misdemeanor | Appeal from a Lower Court |
| | Misdemeanor ¹ |
| | Misdemeanor A |
| | Misdemeanor B |
| | Misdemeanor C |
| | Magistrate Case |
| | Occupational Driver’s License |
| | Writ – Other |
| | Writ – Habeas Corpus - Other |
| | Writ – Habeas Corpus – 11.072 |
| Criminal – Felony | Appeal from a Lower Court |
| | Acquittal Expunction |
| | Capital Felony |
| | Felony |
| | Felony 1 |
| | Felony 2 |
| | Felony 3 |
| | Felony - State Jail |
| | Magistrate Case |
| | Occupational Driver’s License |
| | Sexual Predator (Health & Safety Code 841) |
| | Writ – Habeas Corpus - Other |
| | Writ – Habeas Corpus – 11.07 and 11.071 |
| | Writ – Habeas Corpus – 11.072 |

4.6.2 FILING TYPES

| New Case | Subsequent Filings |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Complaint | Amended Filing |
| Indictment | Amended Filing for Occupational Driver’s License |
| Information | Affidavit |
| Petition | Answer/Response |
| Transfer Case (County Use Only) | Application |
| | Bill of Review |
| | Bond |
| | Election as to Punishment |
| | Letters |
| | Motion |
| | Motion for New Trial |
| | Motion to Revoke Probation/Adjudicate Guilt |
| | No Fee Documents |

¹ For the “Misdemeanor” and “Felony” case types, the intent is that the clerk chooses either the broad case type (Misdemeanor) OR the detailed case types (Misdemeanor A, Misdemeanor B, Misdemeanor C).

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| | Notice Notice of Non-Disclosure Pleas Proposed Order Reinstatement with Cost Request Report/Return Sanctions Toward Effective Probation (STEP) Statement of Facts Form Subpoena/Summons Warrants Writs |
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4.7 CRIMINAL CASES – JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

4.7.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

| Case Category Code | Case Type Codes |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Criminal | Complaint |
| | Citation |

4.7.2 FILING TYPES

| New Case | Subsequent Filings |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Petition | Affidavit |
| Transfer Case (County Use Only) | Application |
| | Bond |
| | Motion |
| | Notice |
| | Other Documents Not Listed |
| | Pleas |
| | Proposed Order |
| | Request |
| | Subpoena/Summons |
| | Warrants |
| | Writs |

4.8 OTHER STANDARD ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS

4.8.1 STANDARD FILER PROCESSES

All filers using the electronic filing system must follow the standard processes when filing particular items with the court. Clerks may not return a document for correction if the filer followed the processes outlined below.

4.8.1.1 Proposed Orders

Proposed orders may not be combined into one computer file with a motion or other document.

A proposed order may not be the lead document in an envelope containing a motion or other document. When filed with a motion or other document, a proposed order must be filed as an attachment in the same envelope as the motion or other document.

If nothing is being filed along with the proposed order, the proposed order must be the lead document.

Preferred Clerk Implementation

1. Clerk includes the proposed order in the case management system for judicial review.
2. Judge modifies and then signs the proposed order (transforming it into an order) and returns it to the clerk for filing. Judges are encouraged, but not required, to electronically file an order back to the clerk's office.

4.8.1.2 Request for Citations

When citation is needed, the filer must select "Issue Citation" as an additional service.

Preferred Clerk Implementation

1. Clerk accepts the lead document and attachments and then electronically prepares the citation.
2. Clerk sends the citation to the filer via
 - a. The eFileTexas system as a "eServe Only" filing,
 - b. Email to the party using the email address on file.

4.8.2 ACCEPTANCE OF DOCUMENTS TENDERED FOR FILING

A clerk must accept a document tendered for e-filing unless specifically authorized not to accept the document(s) by statute, Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, or by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure for the reasons listed below.

| Category | Reason | Authority |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Sealed Documents | Documents filed under seal or presented to court <i>in camera</i> cannot be eFiled. | TRCP 21(f)(4) TRAP 9.10 |
| Vexatious Litigant | Filer has been found to be a vexatious litigant and has not presented an order from the local administrative judge permitting the filing. | CPRC §11.103 |

4.8.3 REQUEST FOR CORRECTION

A clerk may request a filer to correct an e-filed document only for the following reasons. The request must state the reason and reference any supporting authority as follows:

| Category | Reason | Authority |
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| Insufficient Fees | Fees submitted are insufficient. Please resubmit your filing with the correct case type/filing type. <i><provide short summary as to what fees were not included></i> | TRCP 99(d) and Gov't Code, §51.318(b)(7) and (8) Gov't Code §51.317(a) Local Gov't Code §118.052; §118.121; or §118.131 |
| Insufficient Funds | Credit Card was declined. Please resubmit with a valid method of payment. | TRCP 99(d) and Gov't Code, §51.318(b)(7) and (8) Gov't Code §51.317(a) Local Gov't Code §118.052; §118.121; or §118.131 |
| Document Addressed to Wrong Clerk | The document is addressed to a court for which this clerk's office does not accept filings. Please correct or re-file with the appropriate clerk's office. | |
| Duplicate New Case Filing | The filing requesting a new case duplicates an existing case. Please file under the existing case. | |
| Incorrect/Incomplete Information | Please resubmit using the correct/complete information | Family Code |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cause number • Case Type • Case Category • Filing Code • Party names on document(s) • Attorney/Party email address(es) • Required forms • Information required by Statute | <p>§102.008 and §105.006 require identification of children by name and DOB</p> <p>TRCP 79</p> <p>Civil Practices and Remedies Code 30.015</p> |
| Incorrect Formatting | <p>Please resubmit the document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By rotating the document so that the file mark will appear in the upper right corner • In text searchable PDF • Directly converted to PDF if possible. • With a 300dpi resolution • With a page size of 8.5"x11" • With no embedded fonts | TRCP 21 (f)(8) |
| PDF Documents Combined | You have submitted multiple documents for filing in a single PDF. The file-mark will only appear on documents submitted as lead documents. Please file all lead documents as separate PDF documents. | |
| Illegible/Unreadable | Please resubmit in a format that is legible. | |
| Sensitive Data | <p>Please resubmit with all sensitive data redacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DL, SSN, Passport Number, Tax ID Number, Government Issued ID Number • Bank Account Number, Credit Card Number, Financial Account Number • Birth Date, Home Address and name of any person who was a minor when the suit was filed. | TRCP 21c (a-f) TRAP 9.10 |
| Filer's Request | The filer requested that this filing be returned. | |
| Judge's Request | The judge requested that this filing be returned | |

4.8.4 ADDITIONAL SERVICES

A clerk may offer additional services as outlined in statute that are charged in addition to any filing fees. The following additional services are allowed to be offered in the eFiling system. A clerk may choose not to offer a particular service and eliminate it from their local configuration, however, a clerk may not add a service not shown below.

If a clerk chooses to provide additional services functionality, all of the services listed below beginning with (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) must be made available to the Title IV-D Agency. The Title IV-D Agency will use only these additional services.

| Additional Service | Statute |
|---|---|
| Additional Plaintiffs (11-25) | Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(1) |
| Additional Plaintiffs (26-100) | Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(2) |
| Additional Plaintiffs (101-500) | Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(3) |
| Additional Plaintiffs (501-1000) | Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(4) |
| Additional Plaintiffs (1001+) | Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(5) |
| Adoptive Child VSU | Health and Safety Code 191.0045(d) |
| Adoptive Child DPW | Health and Safety Code 191.0045(d) |
| Authenticated Certificate | Local Government Code 118.060 |
| Background Check | Local Government Code 411.1386 |
| Bill of Cost | Local Government Code 118.011(c) Government Code 51.319(3) |
| Bond Approval Fee | Government Code 51.318(b)(6) |
| Certificate Issuance | Local Government Code 118.060 |
| Certificate of Name Change | Family Code 45.106(c) |
| Certificate of No Appeal | Local Government Code 118.060 Government Code 51.318(b)(4) |
| Copies – Certified | Local Government Code 118.011(3)(B) Government Code 51.318(b)(7) |
| Copies – Exemplified | Government Code 51.519(3) |
| Copies – Non-Certified | Local Government Code 118.011(3)(C) Government Code 51.318(b)(8) |
| Copies – Service | Rules of Civil Procedure 99(a) |
| Document over 25 pages after 120 days or upon approving order | Local Government Code 118.052(2)(B)(vi) |
| Issue Abstract of Judgment | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(i) Government Code 51.318 (b)(5) |
| Issue Bench Warrant | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318 (b)(2) |
| Issue Capias | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318 (b)(2) |
| Issue Citation | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Citation - Certified Mail | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Citation – Hague Convention | Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 108a. |
| Issue Citation – Insurance Commission | Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Issue Citation - Publication | Local Government Code 118.059 |

| Additional Service | Statute |
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| | Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Citation – Registered Mail | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Citation – Secretary of State | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 405.031(a) Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.091 |
| Issue Citation – State Highway Commission | Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Issue Commission to Take Deposition | Local Government Code 118.059 |
| Issue Expunction – Certified Mail | Code of Criminal Procedure 102.006(a)(2 and 3) |
| Issue Expunction – Electronic | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Letter Rogatory | Local Government Code 118.011(c) Government Code 51.319(3) |
| Issue Letters Testamentary, Guardianship, or Administration | Local Government Code 118.052(3)(D) |
| Issue Notice of Order Suspending License | Family Code 232.008(d) |
| Issue Order of Sale | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Order Staying Suspended License | Family Code 232.008(d) |
| Issue Order Vacating Suspended License | Family Code 232.013(b) |
| Issue Precept/Notice | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Precept – Secretary of State | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Protective Order | Family Code 82.042 |
| Issue Show Cause | Local Government Code 118.059 |
| Issue SR42 (Transcript of Civil Proceedings) | Local Government Code 118.059 Texas Administrative Code |
| Issue Subpoena | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(1) |
| Issue Summons | Code of Criminal Procedure 23.03(9) |
| Issue Tax Warrant | Local Government Code 118.059 |
| Issue Temporary Restraining Order | Local Government Code 118.059 |
| Issue VS-165 (Information for SAPCR) | Family Code 105.008 |
| Issue Warrant | Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Writ | Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Writ – Secretary of State | Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Writ of Attachment | Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Writ of Execution | Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Writ of Garnishment | Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Writ of Scire Facias | Local Government Code 118.059 |
| Issue Writ of Sequestration | Government Code 51.318(b)(2) |
| Issue Writ of Withholding | Family Code 110.004 |
| Judge Signatures | Local Government Code 118.101(11) |

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| Jury Fee | Rules of Civil Procedure 216 Government Code 51.604(a) |
| OPR Double Recording Fee 1 st Page | Local Government Code 191.007 |
| OPR Double Recording Fee for Additional Pages | Local Government Code 191.007 |
| OPR Recording Fee 1 st Page | Local Government Code 118.013 |
| OPR Recording Fee for Additional Pages | Local Government Code 118.013 |
| Postage (1-5 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (6-10 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (11-15 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (16-20 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (21-25 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
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| Postage (31-35 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (36-40 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (41-45 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (46-50 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (51-150 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (151-1300 Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (1300+ Pages) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (1oz Letter to Canada/Mexico) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (1oz Letter International) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Postage (Large APO/DPO/FPO Box) | Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025 |
| Post Judgment – Issue Citation | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Citation – Certified Mail | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Citation - Publication | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Citation – Secretary of State | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Commission to Take Deposition | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Letters | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Order of Sale | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Precept/Notice | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Show Cause | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Subpoena | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Tax Warrant | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Temporary Restraining Order | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Post Judgment – Issue Writ | Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii) |
| Record Search | Local Government Code 118.011(c) Government Code 51.318 (b)(3) |
| Service – Additional Copy | Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 736.3 (c) |
| Service – Certified Mail | Local Government Code 118.063 Government Code 51.319(2) |
| Service – Certified Mail – Expedited Foreclosure | Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 736.3 (b) |

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| Service – Constable – Certified Mail | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – Fraudulent Liens | TRCP 12.005(b)(2) |
| Service – Constable – Order of Sale/Writ of Execution | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – Personal Service | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – Posting | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – Publication | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – Subpoena – More than five days | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – Subpoena – Less than five days | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – Tax Sale | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – Writ- (Precinct) - (List writ type if applicable) ² | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Constable – All Other | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Publication | Local Government Code 118.011(c) Government Code 51.319(3) |
| Service – Registered Mail | Local Government Code 118.063 Government Code 51.319(2) |
| Service – Sheriff – Certified Mail | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Sheriff – Fraudulent Liens | TRCP 12.005(b)(2) |
| Service – Sheriff – Order of Sale | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Sheriff – Personal Service | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Sheriff - Posting | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Sheriff – Publication | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Sheriff – Subpoena – More than five days | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service – Sheriff – Subpoena – Less than five days | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service - Sheriff – Writ – (List writ type if applicable) ³ | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| Service - Sheriff - All Other | Local Government Code 118.131(a) |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance | Family Code 231.202(1) |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance – TRCP R 106 Sub Service | Rules of Civil Procedure 106 |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance – Publication | Rules of Civil Procedure 116 |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance – Certified Mail | Family Code 231.202(4)(A) |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Precept Issuance | Family Code 231.202(1) |

² Local Government Code 118.131(a) allows a commissioners court to set fees for the services of sheriffs and constables. In instances where the commissioners court sets different amounts for different types of writs, clerks may designate the type of writ and have multiple “Service-Constable-Writ” services available.

³ Local Government Code 118.131(a) allows a commissioners court to set fees for the services of sheriffs and constables. In instances where the commissioners court sets different amounts for different types of writs, clerks may designate the type of writ and have multiple “Service-Sheriff-Writ” services available.

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| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Precept Issuance - TRCP R 106 Sub Service | Rules of Civil Procedure 106 |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Precept Issuance - Publication | Family Code 231.202(1) |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Precept Issuance - Certified Mail | Family Code 231.202(4)(A) |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Subpoena Issuance by Clerk | Family Code 231.202(6) |
| (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service of Process through Law Enforcement | Family Code 231.202(4)(A) |
| Z-(County Use Only) - Service - Constable - (List service type) - (List precinct number) ⁴ | |

⁴ In some counties, clerks use additional services to route money to the appropriate general ledger accounts. In these cases, clerks can use "Z-(County Use Only) - Service - Constable" additional services to route to the appropriate account. In these cases, the services listed should be associated with an existing "Service - Constable" type of additional service that the filer would normally use.