



## IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 15-007

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### ORDER SETTING HEARING ON STATEWIDE ELECTRONIC FILING IN CRIMINAL CASES

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#### ORDER

Effective January 1, 2014, to coincide with the Supreme Court of Texas's order that electronic filing in civil cases be mandatory, this Court ordered that electronic attorney filings in this Court would be mandatory. Having observed the transition to electronic filing in this Court and in civil cases, reviewed and assisted in the work of the Judicial Commission on Information Technology, and passed statewide rules for electronic filing in criminal cases, this Court must now determine whether mandatory electronic filing in criminal cases would be beneficial to parties, the public, and practicing attorneys.

To assist the Court in understanding the benefits and drawbacks of mandating electronic filing in criminal cases, the Court has scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, April

5, 2016, in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Courtroom, to begin at 9 a.m. The Court invites the following individuals to share their knowledge and views on these issues:

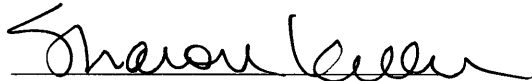
Honorable Rebecca Simmons, Chair, Judicial Committee on Information Technology  
Shana Lively, 398<sup>th</sup> District Court Reporter, Hidalgo County  
Tracy Hopper, Asst. Director, Application Development, District Clerk, Harris County  
Honorable Sheri Woodfin, District Clerk, Tom Green County  
Randall Chapman, Texas Legal Services Center  
Honorable Jeri Yenne, Criminal District Attorney, Brazoria County  
Honorable Don Adams, Judge, Criminal District Court No. 2, Dallas County  
Rob Kepple, Executive Director, Texas District and County Attorneys Association  
Joseph Martinez, Executive Director, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association  
Mark Smith, Vice President, Center for American and International Law  
Lisa David, Education Director, Texas District Court Alliance  
Honorable Mark Atkinson, Executive Director, Texas Center for the Judiciary  
Leah Mullikin, Education Director, Texas Association of Counties  
Hope Lochridge, Executive Director, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center  
Roger Rountree, Executive Director, Texas Justice Court Training Center

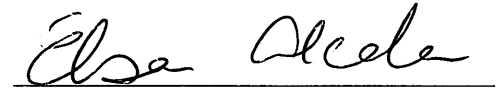
Each speaker is limited to five minutes. The Court may extend this time at its discretion.


In the event one of the above-named individuals is unable to attend, that individual may designate an alternate to speak in his or her place. The names of alternates should be submitted to Abel Acosta, Clerk of the Court, no later than April 1, 2016.

In addition, the Court asks all invited speakers to submit written comments explaining their position on electronic filing in criminal cases and mandating such electronic filing. Members of the public are invited to submit written comments as well. Please email all written comments to Abel Acosta at [abel.acosta@txcourts.gov](mailto:abel.acosta@txcourts.gov) no later than March 16, 2016.

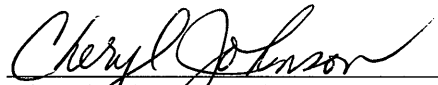
Dated: December 8, 2015.


  
Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge

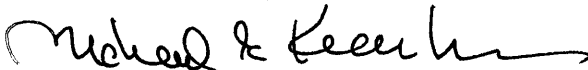
  
Elsa Alcala, Judge


  
Lawrence E. Meyers, Judge


  
Bert Richardson, Judge

  
Cheryl Johnson, Judge

  
Kevin P. Yeary, Judge

  
Michael Keasler, Judge

  
David Newell, Judge

  
Barbara Hervey, Judge