

**JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Supreme Court of Texas Courtroom**

I. Call to Order
Justice Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

JCIT Members:

Chair, Justice Rebecca Simmons
David Escamilla (*phone*)
Roland Johnson (*phone*)
Dean Stanzione (*phone*)
Honorable Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza
Ed Wells (*phone*)
Bob Wessels

JCIT Liaison Members:

Honorable Abel Acosta
Honorable Jeffrey Boyd
Honorable Jack Cagle (*phone*)
Randy Chapman (*phone*)
Gary Fitzsimmons (*phone*)
Doug Gowin (*phone*)
Joel Green
Honorable Blake Hawthorne
Laura Hinojosa (*phone*)
Tracy Hopper
Gary Hutton
Honorable Steve King (*phone*)
David McAtee (*phone*)
Honorable Brian Quinn (*phone*)
Honorable Nancy Rister
Sian Schilhab
Mark Unger
Dennis Van-Metre
Honorable John Warren
Honorable Dianne Wilson

Others in attendance:

Amelia Balderama, iDocket
Travis Banks, Bexar County (*phone*)
Phillip Baughman, Tyler Technologies (*phone*)
Lupe Brieno, Tyler Technologies
Robert Bruce, File and Serve Xpress (*phone*)
Tammy Carter, File and Serve Xpress

Laura D'Antone
Terry Derrick, Tyler Technologies
Michael Dunn, Microsoft
David Ferris, Travis County
Jamie Gillespie, Tyler Technologies
Bobby Gutierrez, Travis County
Jeanine Hudson, Department of Public Safety
Victor Jauregui, Travis County
Jeff Karotkin, One Legal
Rick Keeney, PCP USA
George Kinnect, GreenFiling (*phone*)
Brian McGrath, Tyler Technologies
Honorable Donna Kay McKinney, Bexar County (*phone*)
Rod Napier, Office of Attorney General
Leslie Pool, Travis County
Steve Schenk, ProDoc
Mark Schwartz, Tyler Technologies
Louise Sellers, Office of Attorney General
Michelle Spencer
Elena Turrent, Travis County
Christian Tyler, New Dawn Technologies
Rosemary Wilcox, File and Serve Xpress
David Willms, CourtFile America
Deborah Woltersdorf, Office of Attorney General

Office of Court Administration Staff:

David Slayton, Administrative Director
Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services

Justice Simmons congratulated and thanked the group on the success of the transition from NIC to eFileTexas.

II. Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2013

Motion to approve the minutes made by Amalia Rodríguez-Mendoza with a second by Bob Wessels. **Motion carried.**

III. Committee Reports

A. Rules

Abel Acosta with the Court of Criminal Appeals gave a short presentation about the rules that were approved by the court with regards to criminal eFiling in the appellate courts. Mr. Acosta spoke to the various changes made by the court to the rules.

Mr. Slayton clarified that the mandate on criminal eFiling applies only to the appellate courts. Mr. Acosta confirmed. The rules will be posted today on the Court of Criminal Appeals website.

Ms. Newton with the Supreme Court then gave a presentation on the rule changes promulgated by the Supreme Court. She spoke of the structure of the changes and that it would be a joint order between the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals. Ms. Newton then spoke to the various changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure as well as the Rules of Appellate Procedure that were adopted by the Supreme Court.

B. eFiling

Casey Kennedy spoke to the name change of the program from TexFile to eFileTexas.gov. Mr. Kennedy reported that Tyler will be sending new materials to the clerks to assist with the name change of the program.

Brian McGrath with Tyler Technologies gave a presentation to update the group on the activities since the previous meeting. This included the completion of the transition from NIC. Mr. McGrath reported that all courts successfully made the transition with no courts left behind.

Mr. McGrath then spoke to what is expected to happen in January once the mandate takes effect. The traffic is expected to rise approximately 370% in January.

Justice Simmons and Casey Kennedy then invited feedback from the EFSPs and the Counties with regards to any ongoing issues with the program. David Ferris with Travis County spoke to offer assistance with Bexar County on their issues with being a non-integrated court. Dianne Wilson spoke to issues that Tyler is working with the County on, but that they were 98% there. Amalia Mendoza-Rodriguez spoke to the issue that some of the EFSPs are reporting incorrect information about the court. Mr. Slayton then requested to the EFSPs to own any problem and reach out to the clerk or OCA to resolve the issue on behalf of the customer rather than send them to the court.

C. Standards

Justice Simmons spoke for the need for standardized metrics for the EFSPs much like those that are in place for Tyler. Dianne Wilson then spoke about the need to standardize eFiling codes as well. Bob Wessels, chair of the committee reported that the committee will be working between now and the next few meetings to come up with standardized eFiling codes for use in the counties.

IV. New Business - None

V. Open Discussion - None

Justice Simmons adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Next meeting: January 24, 2013