

# 2017-2018 TJC Committees



# Juvenile Justice Committee

Chair: Judge Valencia Nash

- Members: Creighton, Torres, Spencer, Spillane, Saks, Johnson, Clayton
- Charge 1: Consider best practices and necessary reforms to the juvenile justice system to improve the adjudication of delinquent conduct cases.
- Charge 2: Oversee the study required by HB 1204 regarding the use of the terms child, minor, and juvenile in statute for fine-only offenses and the adjudication of those offenses; recommend any necessary reforms to improve the adjudication of those offenses.



# Criminal Justice Committee

Chair: Judge Kelly Moore

- Members: Keller, Creighton, Murr, Jenkins, Gravell, Amaral
- Charge 1: Continue to evaluate and monitor implementations of the recommended pretrial bail reforms.
- Charge 2: Study the impact of opioid drug use on the Texas judiciary and recommend any reforms necessary to curb the impact of opioid drug use in Texas.
- Charge 3: Working in conjunction with the Governor's Criminal Justice Division and the Governor's Specialty Courts Advisory Council, review the need for assistance to the state's problem-solving courts and recommend any necessary reforms to improve the courts.
- Charge 4: Oversee the study required by SB 47 regarding the public availability of fine-only criminal offense records and recommend any necessary reforms.



# Data Committee

## Chair: Judge Bill Gravell

- Members: Radack, Jenkins, Bellair, Young, Johnson, Amaral, Clayton
- Charge 1: Continue to work on guiding the revisions of the court activity reporting database to collect case-level statistical data.
- Charge 2: Evaluate and recommend activity reporting components for the Regional Presiding Judges pursuant to the new requirement in SB 1893.
- Charge 3: In conjunction with the Criminal Justice Committee and Mental Health Committee (SB 1326 provisions), evaluate the need to collect activity data from the specialty courts and recommend any data elements for collection.



# Guardianship, Mental Health, IDD Committee

Chair: Justice Bill Boyce

- Members: Zaffirini, Murr, Moore, Spencer, Saks, Ho
- Charge 1: Review reforms enacted by the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature impacting the judiciary, monitor their implementation, and consider additional reforms to improve the ways that courts interact with individuals with a mental health condition or an intellectual or developmental disability.
- Charge 2: Review guardianship reforms enacted by the 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature, monitor the implementation of those reforms, and consider additional reforms to improve the ways that courts interact with individuals in need of guardianship.



# Civil Justice Committee

## Chair: Chief Justice Sherry Radack

- Members: Zaffirini, Smithee, Torres, Nash, Young, Saks, Amaral
- Charge 1: Study the Conference of Chief Justices' Civil Justice Initiative recommendations and the landscape of Texas civil justice; recommend necessary reforms to improve access to justice to the Texas courts.



# Public Trust and Confidence Committee

Chair: Judge Ed Spillane

- Members: Zaffirini, Smithee, Boyce, Gravell, Bellair, Ho, Clayton
- Charge 1: Review the 1998 Public Trust and Confidence in the Texas Courts Study and the NCSC State of State Courts reports, consider updating or replicating the studies, and recommend any necessary reforms to improve public trust and confidence in the Texas judiciary.

