

STUDY ON THE ADEQUACY AND APPROPRIATENESS OF  
ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION PAID TO CERTAIN COUNTY  
JUDGES

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## Introduction

The 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature tasked the Office of Court Administration (OCA), through the passage of Senate Bill 1080, with studying the adequacy and appropriateness of additional compensation paid to a county judge of a constitutional county court who:

1. Serves in a county that does not have a county court at law; and
2. Has at least jurisdiction of:
  - a. Class A and Class B misdemeanors cases;
  - b. Probate matters;
  - c. Guardianship matters; and
  - d. Matters of mental health.<sup>1</sup>

OCA used caseload data, salary information and statistics, and conducted a survey of constitutional county judges to complete this study.<sup>2</sup>

## Background

In the spring of 2013, during legislative hearings regarding SB 1080, lawmakers, judges and advocacy groups expressed interest over the sufficiency of the state supplement paid to county judges. The underlying theme of the legislative testimony was that the judicial workload of the county judge was not in tandem with the supplement provided by the state to complete their judicial functions. Judicial duties for a county judge include hearing civil, probate, misdemeanor, juvenile and mental health cases.<sup>3</sup>

The state supplement is currently \$15,000 annually and is paid to county judges that certify they spend 40% or more of their time on judicial functions.<sup>4</sup> The supplement has remained at the same level for nearly 10 years. It was set at \$15,000 in 2005, raised from \$10,000, in 1999. In Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015, 216 of the 254 county judges in Texas received the state supplement.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The only constitutional county courts without this jurisdiction, where there is no county court-at-law, are in Bastrop County (if the judge is not a lawyer), Jones County and Stephens County. These courts do not have criminal jurisdiction.

<sup>2</sup> While judicial salary studies generally involve comparison to other states' salaries for similar positions, the uniqueness of the Texas county judge position and its funding mechanism made this difficult. OCA was unable to find direct comparisons to this position in other states.

<sup>3</sup> The general provisions for the jurisdiction of a county court are found in Texas Government Code Chapter 26.

<sup>4</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §26.006

<sup>5</sup> See Appendix A for judges receiving state supplement.

Remarks before the Texas Senate Jurisprudence Committee included testimony that the current supplement is the “biggest bargain received in the judicial branch,”<sup>6</sup> while others said they were concerned that county judges are spending “two weeks of each month on judicial duties,” while also being expected to run and act as chief executive officer of their county at the same time.<sup>7</sup>

## History of the County Judge and Constitutional Court

The office of county judge dates back to the Republic of Texas when the position was appointed and the office holder was called “Chief Justice.”<sup>8</sup>

The position was abolished in 1869 and re-established in the Constitution of 1876. County judges are elected to four-year terms and serve as the presiding officer of the county commissioners court<sup>9</sup> as well as judge of the constitutional county court. The county judge position is unique in that it has executive, legislative and judicial functions. The office is outlined in Article V, §§ 15-18 of the Texas Constitution.

There are 254 Constitutional County Courts in Texas, but not all county judges perform judicial duties.<sup>10</sup> In more urban counties, the county judge typically devotes his or her full attention to the administration of county government. As detailed in the constitutional provision to the right, county judges are not required to be licensed attorneys, only “well informed in the law of the state.” Currently only 33 of the 254 County judges in the state are licensed to practice law.

*“There shall be established in each county in this state a County Court, which shall be a court of record; and there shall be elected in each county, by the qualified voters, a county judge, who shall be well informed in the law of the state; shall be a conservator of the peace; and shall hold office for four years, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified.”*

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<sup>6</sup> If the state were to take the caseload of constitutional county courts and create county courts-at-law, an additional 29 judges would be needed (assuming the judges could cover the required geographic area, which is unlikely). The additional county courts-at-law would cost the state \$2,436,000 and counties at least \$1,595,000, for a total of \$4,031,000.

<sup>7</sup> Hearing on S.B. 1080 Before the Senate Jurisprudence Comm., 83<sup>rd</sup> Leg., (April 9, 2013).

<sup>8</sup> *County Judge Module: Advanced Curriculum Program for Commissioners Court Members*, Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association, October 2014.

<sup>9</sup> Despite its name, the Commissioners Court is the governing body for a county and does not exercise judicial functions as a court.

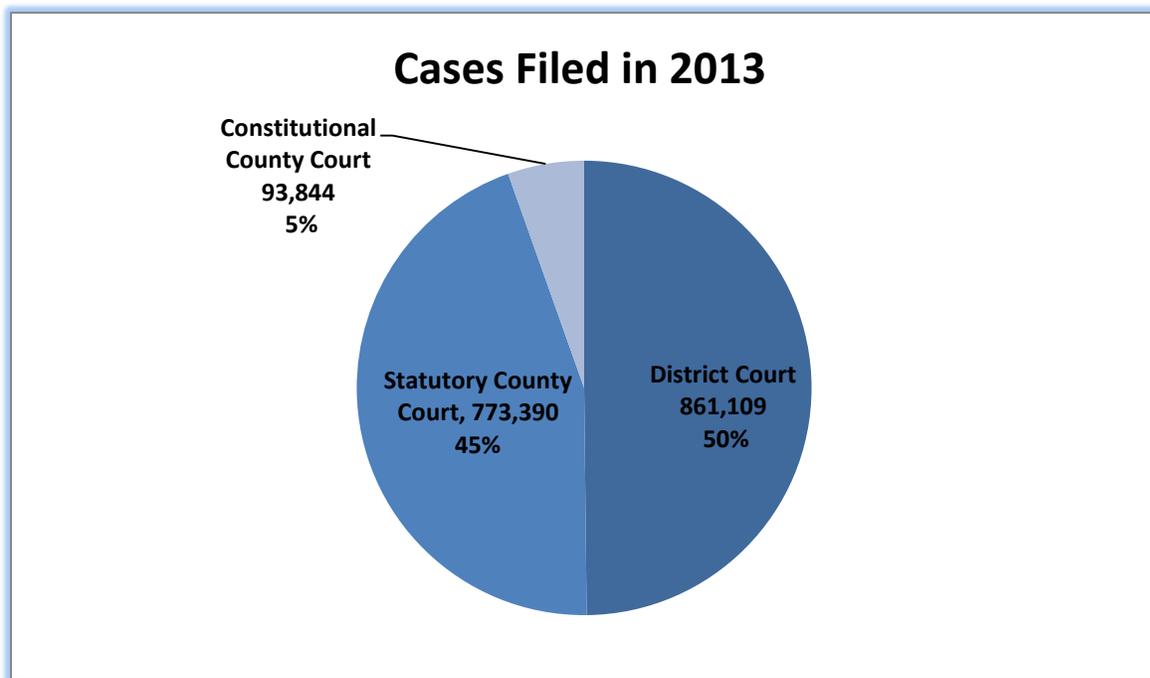
<sup>10</sup> Ninety-one counties have established statutory county courts (county courts-at-law) to handle the primary caseload of the county court. However, in many counties, the caseload is shared between a statutory county court and a constitutional county court.

### Constitutional County Court Jurisdiction

- Original Jurisdiction in civil actions between \$200 and \$10,000
- Probate (contested matters may be transferred to District Court)
- Exclusive original jurisdiction over misdemeanors with fines greater than \$500 or jail sentence
- Juvenile matters
- Appeals de novo from lower courts or on the record from municipal courts of record

## Caseload Data

In Fiscal Year 2013, more than 1.7 million cases were filed in Texas' district and county level courts. Five percent of those cases were filed in the Constitutional County Courts.



### Constitutional County Court Caseload Data<sup>11</sup>

Cases were filed in 210 of the state's 254 Constitutional County Courts – up 0.2 percent from the number filed in 2012.<sup>12</sup> The county judge in the other 44 counties either had no judicial functions or assisted on an as-needed basis with cases filed in another court.<sup>13</sup>

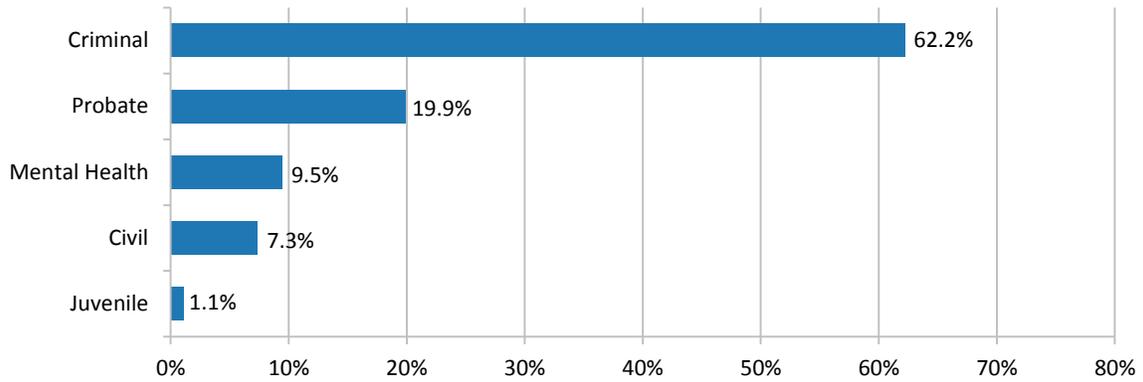
<sup>11</sup> A full summary of caseload data for the constitutional county courts is included as Appendix B.

<sup>12</sup> "Filed" includes new cases, appeals from lower courts, petitions for transfer to adult criminal court, motions to revoke, and other cases added to the docket.

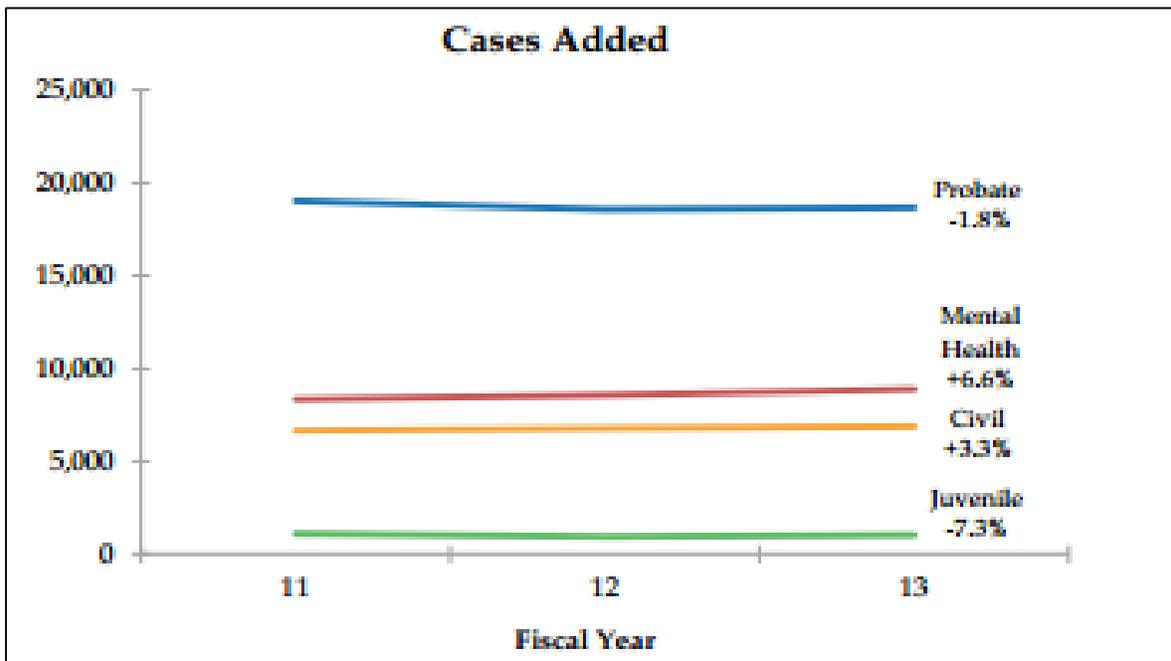
<sup>13</sup> The judicial functions of the constitutional county courts vary greatly by county. Some courts may have very limited jurisdiction.

## Cases Added in Fiscal Year 2013

(93,844 Cases)

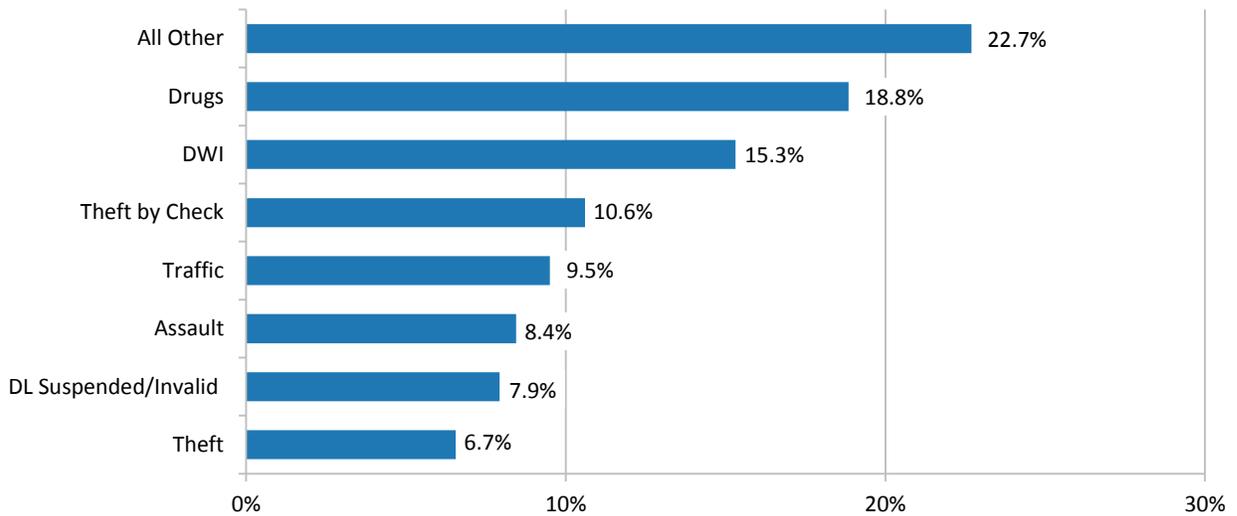


Criminal cases accounted for the majority of cases filed. However, the number of criminal cases filed in Constitutional County Courts has declined by 4.7 percent since 2011. Juvenile and probate case filings also declined 7.3 percent and 1.8 percent, respectively, while mental health and civil case filings increased by 6.6 percent and 3.3 percent respectively.



## Misdemeanor Cases Added in Fiscal Year 2013

(58,401 Cases)

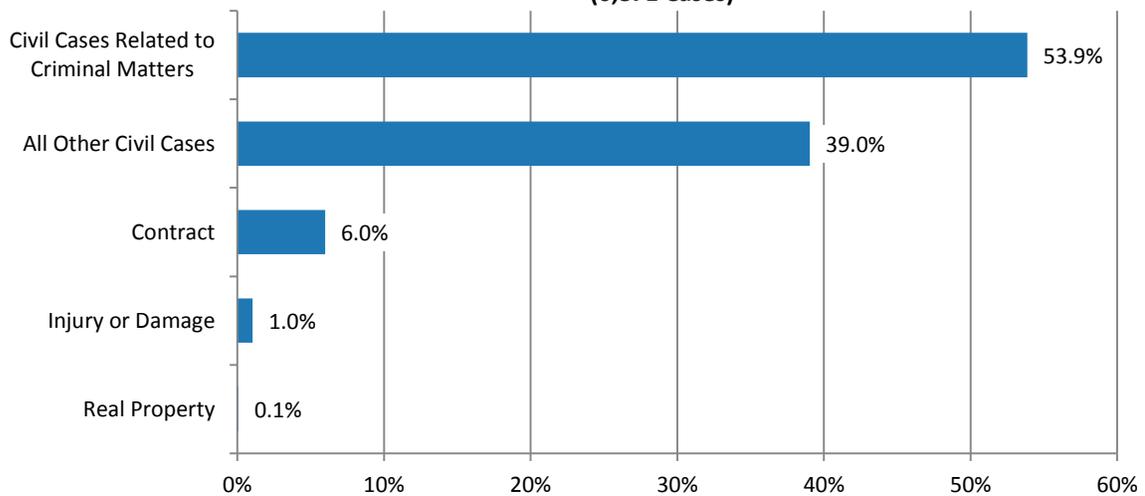


Excluding the “all other misdemeanors” category, the largest category of criminal cases involved drug offenses, followed by driving while intoxicated and theft by check.

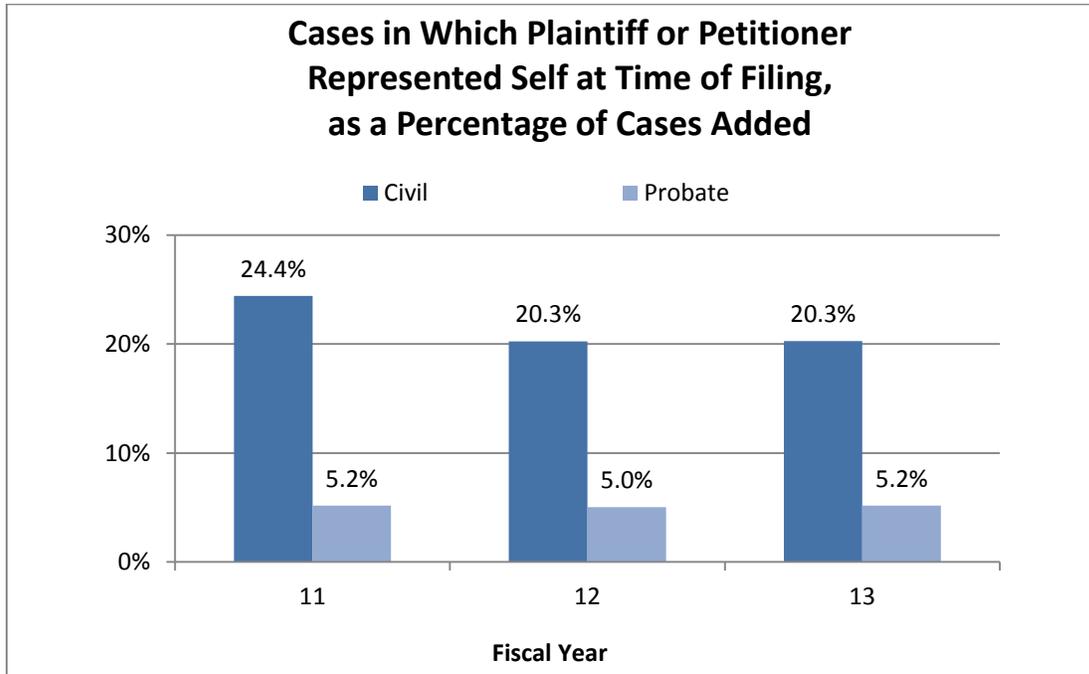
More than half of the civil cases filed involved the category “Civil Cases Related to Criminal Matters” which includes bond forfeitures, expunctions, nondisclosures, occupational licenses, and seizures and forfeitures.

## Civil Cases Added in Fiscal Year 2013

(6,871 Cases)

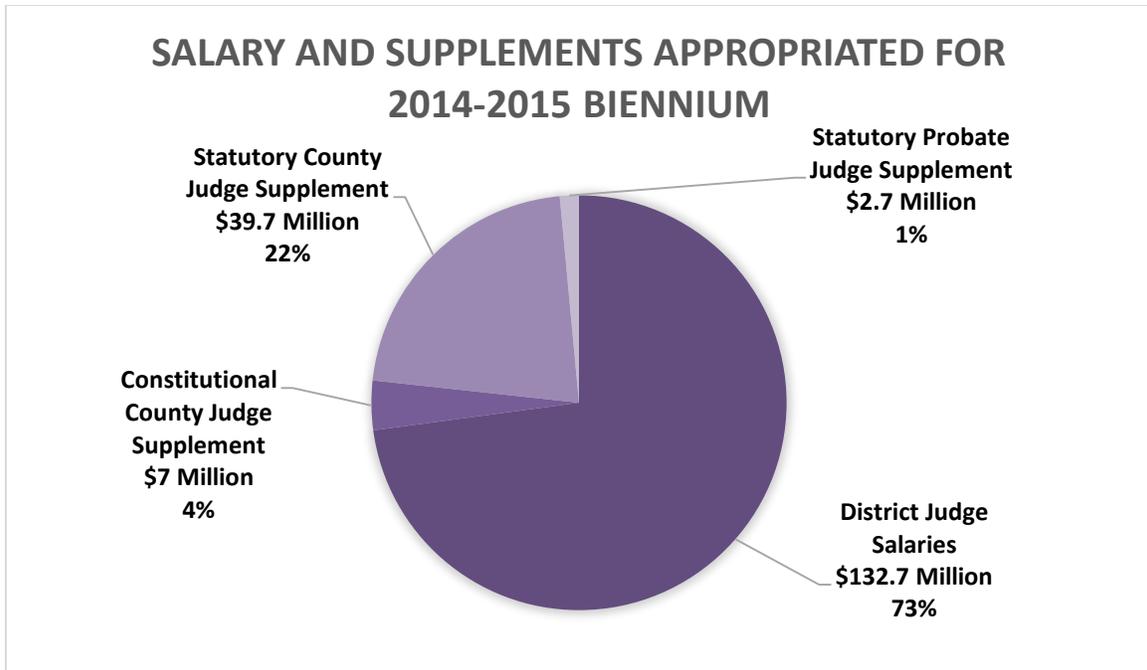


Constitutional County Courts reported 1,394 civil cases (or 20.3 percent of new civil cases or appeals filed) in which the petitioner was representing him or herself at the time of filing. Self-represented litigants made up 5.2 percent of the new probate and guardianship cases filed in the constitutional county court (966 cases).



## Trial Court Salary Data and State Supplements

The Texas trial court system consists of a variety of different types of courts, each handling diverse categories of cases. These courts include the district courts, county courts, county courts-at-law, probate courts, justice courts, and municipal courts. Most judges in these courts, with the exception of justice and municipal courts, receive state funding for salaries and/or supplements.



## District Court Judges

Texas has 457 District Courts across the state, with one district judge presiding over each court. District judges have original jurisdiction in civil actions over \$200, original jurisdiction in felony criminal matters and juvenile matters.

The base salary of district judges is paid directly to the judges by the State of Texas. In 2013, district judges received a 12% salary increase, bringing their base salary to \$140,000 a year. By statute, district judges are eligible to receive a local salary supplement in addition to their base salary for additional administrative duties, up to \$5,000 less than the salary paid to a justice on the court of appeals.<sup>14</sup> The maximum salary supplement is currently \$18,000 annually. In addition, local administrative judges in counties with more than five judges are entitled to a salary supplement from the state of \$5,000 annually.<sup>15</sup>

To aid in the administration of justice in the trial courts, the state is divided into nine administrative judicial regions. Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions are eligible to receive additional local supplements up to \$50,000.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §659.012

<sup>15</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §659.012(d)

<sup>16</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §74.051(b)(c) (Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions are eligible to receive up to \$33,000 in local supplements if they are an active District Judge; if they are retired or a former district judge or a retired appellate judge, that supplement can range between \$35,000 and \$50,000, depending on the number of courts and judges in the region).

District Judge Salary			
Judge	Base Salary	Supplement	Total
District Judge	\$140,000	Up to \$18,000	\$158,000
Presiding Judge of the Administrative Judicial Region - Active	\$140,000	Up to \$33,000	\$173,000 <sup>17</sup>
Presiding Judge of the Administrative Judicial Region – Retired or Former District Judge or Retired Appellate Judge	N/A	\$35,000 - \$50,000	\$35,000 - \$50,000

The legislature appropriated \$132.7 million to fund district judge salaries for the 2014-2015 biennium.<sup>18</sup>

### County Court at Law Judges

There are 239 Statutory County Courts in Texas. The courts serve 91 counties including the first multi-county court at law comprised of Fisher, Nolan and Mitchell counties that was created by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature in 2013.<sup>19</sup> One hundred sixty-three counties do not have a county court at law.

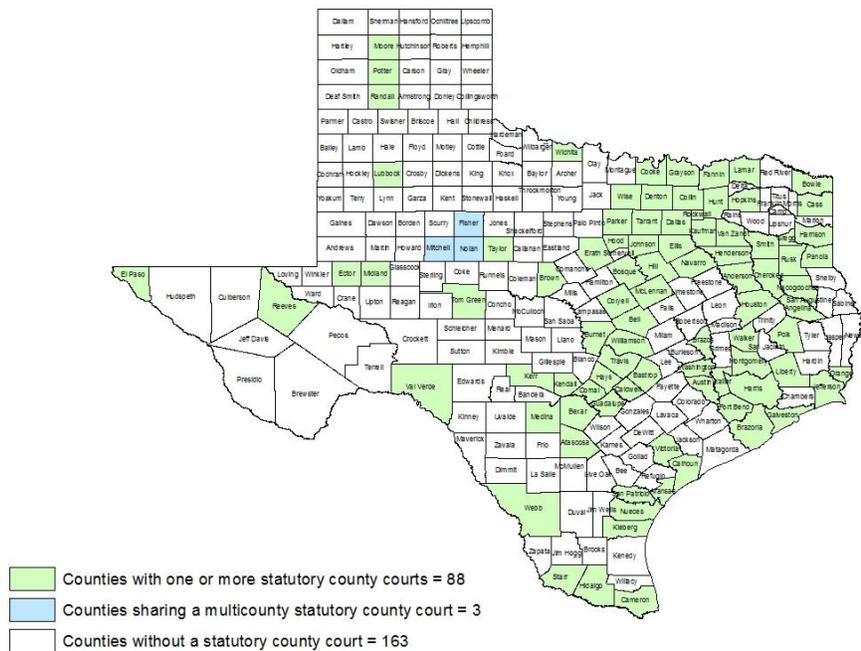
Statutory County Courts have jurisdiction over civil, criminal and original and appellate actions prescribed by law for constitutional county courts. In addition, they have jurisdiction over civil matters up to \$200,000, with some courts having a higher jurisdiction amount prescribed by statute.

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<sup>17</sup> Active district judges who are also presiding judges of administrative judicial regions may also receive the salary supplement available to a district judge, making their maximum salary \$191,000.

<sup>18</sup> Funding from General Revenue and the Judicial Fund to support the salary.

<sup>19</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §25.2701.



For their work, statutory county court judges receive reimbursement from the state that equals 60% of the salary of a district judge – currently \$84,000.<sup>20</sup> Counties must account for the remainder of a county court-at-law judge’s salary, which at a minimum must not be less than \$1,000 of the total salary received by a district judge in their county.<sup>21</sup> Unlike district judges, there is not a maximum salary for county court-at-law judges. As of March 2014, salaries for county court-at-law judges range from a high of \$167,792 to a low of \$139,000.<sup>22</sup>

Top Five Salaries in the State	
County	Salary
Tom Green	\$167,792
El Paso	\$164,099
Montgomery	\$159,600
Randall	\$159,068
Cherokee	\$158,065

Bottom Five Salaries in the State	
County	Salary
Panola	\$140,000
Bastrop	\$139,000
Coryell	\$139,000
Johnson	\$139,000
Polk	\$139,000

<sup>20</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §25.0015

<sup>21</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §§25.0005, 25.092(d), 25.1272(e) (Exception Atascosa and Jim Wells Counties are allowed to utilize only the state supplement as compensation at the counties’ discretion.)

<sup>22</sup> County Court at Law Salary Survey, Office of Court Administration, March 2014.

The State appropriated \$39.7 million from General Revenue Funds and the Judicial Fund to support statutory county judge salary supplements during the 2014-2015 biennium.

### **Statutory Probate Judges**

Texas has 18 statutory probate judges established in 10 of the state's largest counties. These courts have exclusive jurisdiction over probate matters including guardianship and mental health cases. The state provides a \$40,000 supplement to statutory probate judges.<sup>23</sup> A statutory probate judge's salary is set by the commissioners court and must be at least equal to the total annual salary received by a district judge in the county.<sup>24</sup> There is not a maximum salary for statutory probate judges.

The state appropriated \$2.7 million from the Judicial Fund for the 2014-2015 biennium to support the Statutory Probate Supplement.

### **Constitutional County Court Judges**

The salary supplement for constitutional county judges was originally enacted by the 75<sup>th</sup> Legislature (1997). It was originally set at \$5,000 and was available to county judges if at least 40 percent of the duties the judge performs were judicial functions. The supplement amount was increased to \$10,000 by the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislature (1999) and to \$15,000 by the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2005).

The salary supplement is supported by a \$40 filing fee in civil cases and a \$15 criminal court cost in the county court collected by the clerk of a county where the county judge is entitled to the supplement.<sup>25</sup> The amounts collected under these provisions are remitted to the Comptroller for deposit in the judicial fund. Amounts collected in excess of the cost of the supplement are required to be returned to counties proportionally.<sup>26</sup> In Fiscal Year 2014, \$1,171,000 was remitted to the Comptroller under these provisions and \$86,080 in excess was returned to counties. In Fiscal Year 2013, \$1,292,463 was remitted to the comptroller and \$180,000 in excess was returned to counties.<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §25.00211

<sup>24</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §25.0023

<sup>25</sup> Tex. Govt. Code §51.703

<sup>26</sup> Id.

<sup>27</sup> Information from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts: Judiciary Section.



The state appropriated \$7 million in General Revenue Funds and Judicial Funds for the 2014-2015 biennium to fund the constitutional county judge supplement.

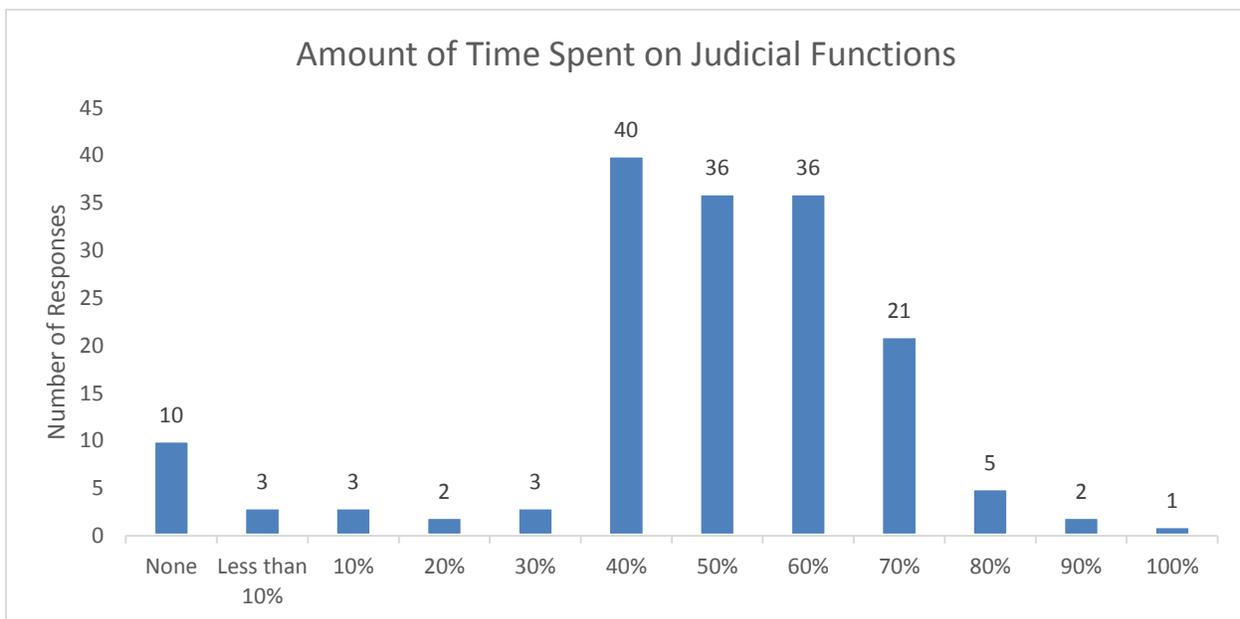
## Constitutional County Judge Survey

In the fall of 2014, OCA developed and administered a survey on the adequacy and appropriateness of the state supplement provided to constitutional county judges. The survey was sent to 254 county judges via email. OCA received and analyzed the responses from September 30, 2014, through October 8, 2014. Sixty-three percent of those surveyed responded for a total of 162 responses.<sup>30</sup>

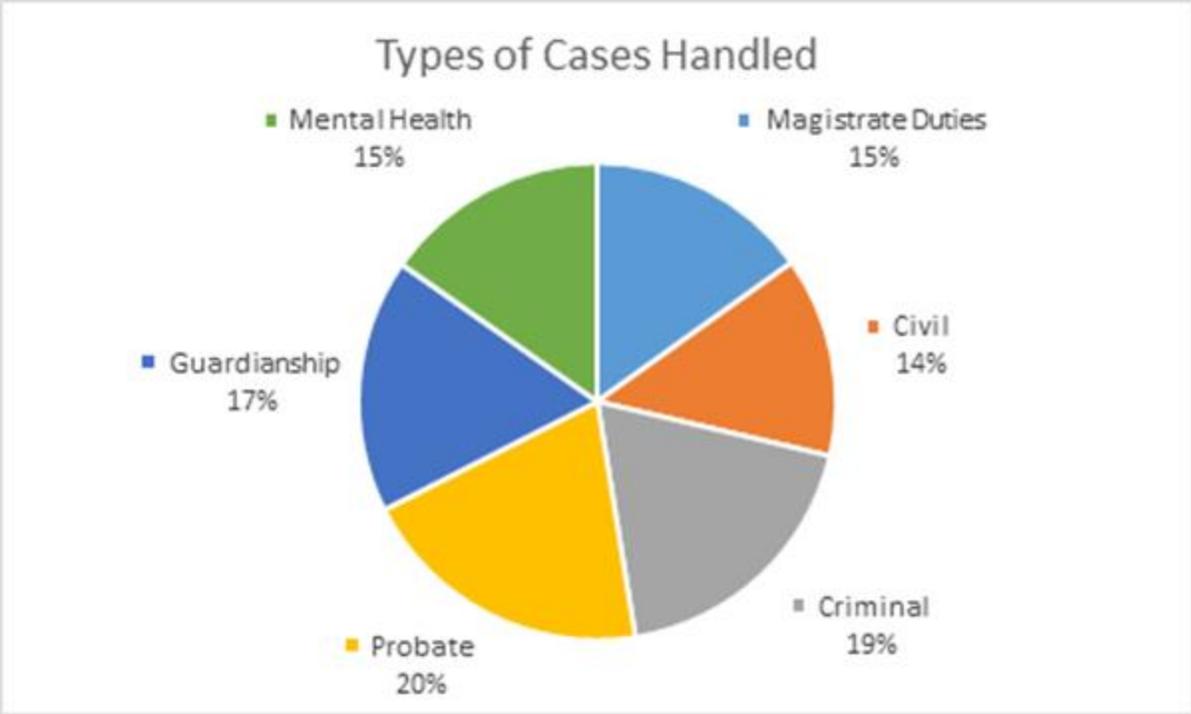
Some judges that responded do not receive the state supplement, because they have limited or no judicial functions.

### Key Findings

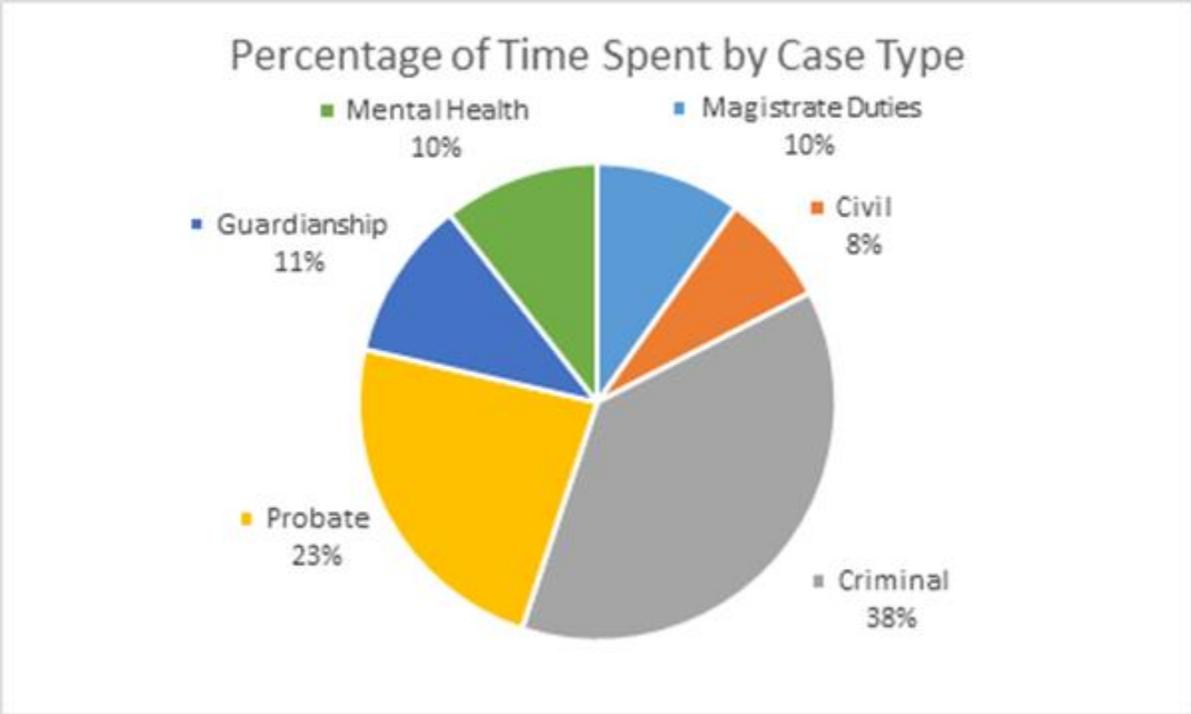
Eighty-seven percent of respondents said they spend 40 percent or more of their time on judicial functions, with 62 percent of those surveyed reporting they spend 50 percent or more of their time on judicial duties.



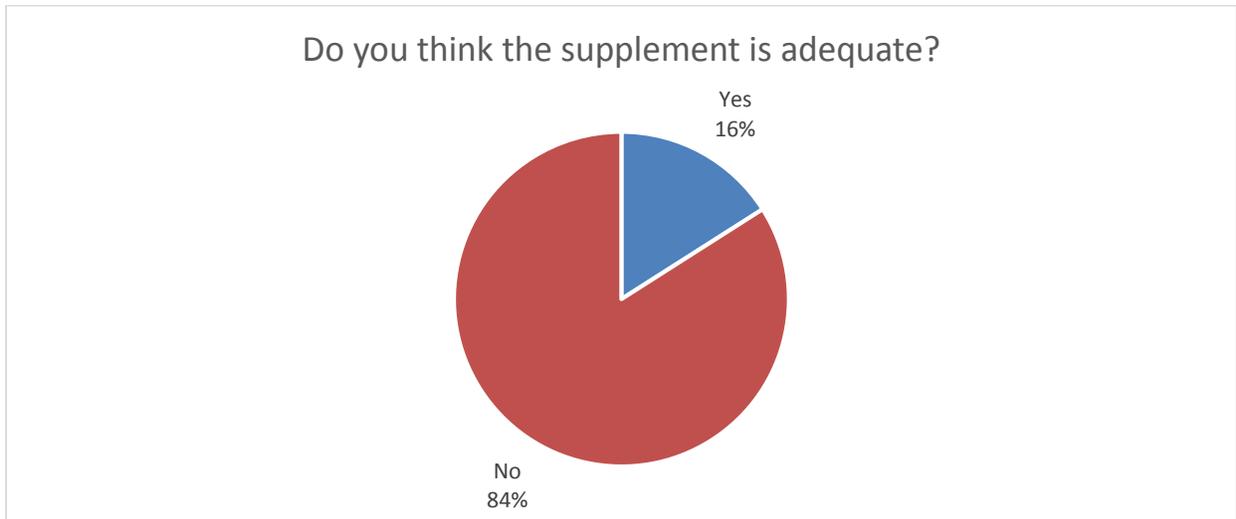
<sup>30</sup> Some respondents did not answer every question in the survey.



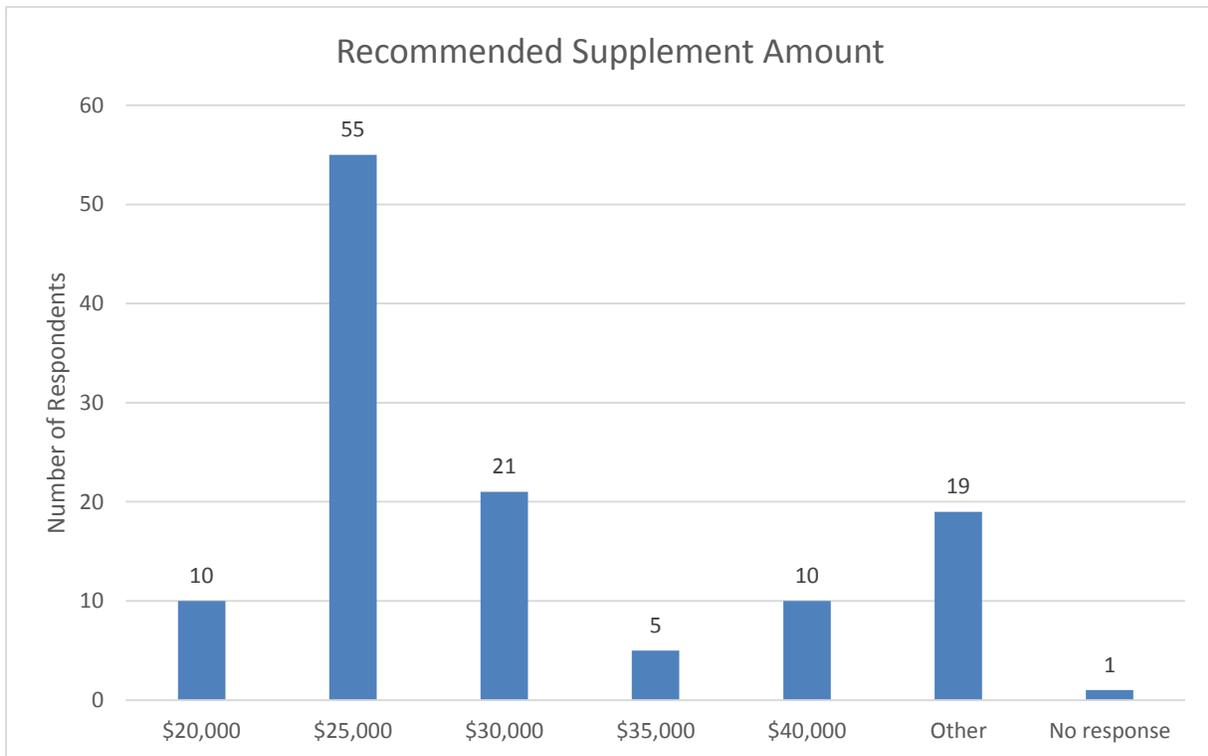
Survey respondents indicate that they work on probate cases more often than other case types (followed by criminal and guardianship cases); however, more time is spent on criminal cases.



Eighty-four percent of the judges that responded to the survey do not believe the \$15,000 state supplement is adequate.



Forty-five percent of respondents recommended the supplement be increased to \$25,000, 17 percent to \$30,000 and 16 percent selected “other” and chose to give a written response.



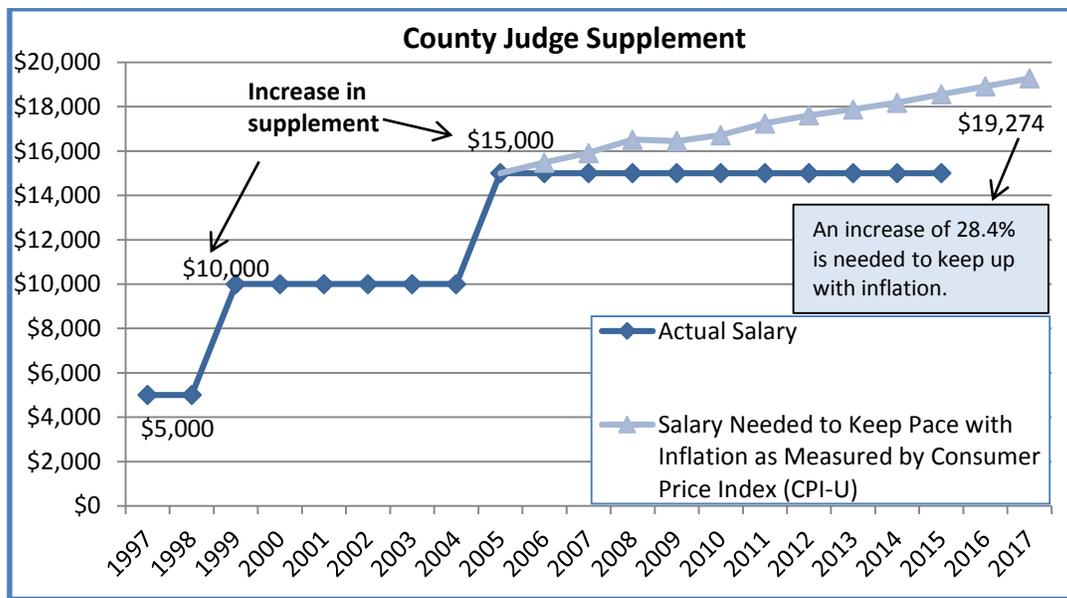
Twelve of the 19 written responses recommended tying the county judge supplement to the salary of a district judge, while some suggested the supplement should be based on caseload.

Below are the written responses on the recommended supplement amount:

- “At least \$35,000 but may be more appropriate to tie it to a percent of the District Judge Salary.”
- “Should be tied to District Judge Salary 15-20% of salary.”
- “Because County Judges perform basically the same functions as District and County Court at Law Judges, and many County Judges have a higher caseload than those other judges, in addition to all our administrative responsibilities in county government, and because County Judges collect a significant amount of the fines and court costs that are collected in the State, I believe the supplement should be an amount that is at least 1/3 of the District and/or County Court at Law Judges' salaries.”
- “I think it should be based on number of cases handled. I have between 1,300 & 1,400 cases filed each year. It doesn't seem fair that the supplement should be the same for a court with far fewer cases filed. I would suggest 0 - 500 \$20k, 500 - 1,000 \$30k, and over 1,000 \$40k.”
- “Percentage of District Judges state salary but not less than \$25,000.”
- “An amount equal to the County Court at law in those jurisdictions where both courts have the same jurisdiction.”
- “Should be a percentage of a District Judge's salary.”
- “About 25%-33% of a District Judge's Salary.”
- “20% of a district judges salary.”
- “Should be a percentage of District Judge Supplement.”
- “I do not feel comfortable answering this question because it appears I am not grateful for the current supplement. I knew what the job paid when I ran for it. I will say that by the time I do the 60% of probate, guardianship and mental health, this does not even count the hours I spend on the commissioner's court business. I am working 50 to 60 hours a week. Again, I am not asking for anything. Should there be an increase in what we receive, I would be very grateful. I just gave back my COLA to the county for the coming budget year. I did not feel comfortable taking a raise when so many people in our county are struggling to make ends meet.”
- “Percent of District Judge Salary.”
- “15 to 20% of a District Judge's salary.”
- “Formula based on County Court at Law compensation.”
- “At least the amount county attorneys receive.”
- “25% state district judge.”
- “Considering the scope of our responsibilities, it seems we should be compensated at least half of what the district attorney's receive.”
- “Maybe it should be graduated on percent of time.”
- “Minimum 15% of District Judge Benchmark.”

## Recommendations

- For uniformity and similarity to other county level supplements and salaries, the Legislature should consider linking the Constitutional County Judge Supplement to a percentage of the state salary of a district court judge. If the Legislature chooses to link the supplement to the state salary of a district court judge, the Legislature should consider setting the percentage between 15-20%.<sup>31</sup>
- In the alternative, based upon the value to the state and the extensive judicial duties performed by county judges, the Legislature should consider increasing the supplement to \$25,000.
- Consideration should be given to the fact that the supplement has not been increased in 10 years and that the supplement is being outpaced by inflation. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index,<sup>32</sup> the county judge supplement would need to be increased by 28.4% to \$19,274 to keep up with inflation through the end of the next biennium. The Legislature should consider, at a minimum, increasing the supplement to \$20,000 to keep pace with inflationary factors.



- To ensure that the salary supplement amount is reviewed for adequacy on a more regular basis, consideration should be given to authorizing the Judicial Compensation Commission to review and make recommendations on the supplement in their biennial report when they deem appropriate.

<sup>31</sup> Setting the salary supplement at 15% of the state salary of a district judge would provide a supplement of \$21,000. Twenty percent would provide a supplement of \$28,000.

<sup>32</sup> The Consumer Price Index for all Urban Workers (CPI-U) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services, such as transportation, food and medical care.

## Appendix A

FISCAL YEAR 2013	
CONSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATING JUDGES	
County	Judge
Anderson	Robert Johnston
Andrews	Richard Dolgener
Angelina	Wes Suiter
Archer	Gary Beesinger
Armstrong	Hugh Reed
Atascosa	Diana Bautista
Bailey	Sherri Harrison
Bandera	Richard Evans
Baylor	Linda Rogers
Bee	David Silva
Bell	Jon Burrows
Blanco	Bill Guthrie
Borden	Ross Sharp
Bosque	Cole Word
Bowie	Sterling Lacy
Brazoria	E. J. (Joe) King
Brewster	Val Beard
Briscoe	Wayne Nance
Brooks	Raul Ramirez
Brown	Ernest West III
Burleson	Mike Sutherland
Burnet	Donna Klaeger
Caldwell	Tom Bonn
Callahan	David Corn
Camp	Thomas Cravey
Carson	Lewis Powers
Cass	Charles McMichael
Castro	William Sava
Chambers	Jimmy Sylvia
Cherokee	Chris Davis
Childress	Jay Maiden
Clay	Kenneth Liggett
Cochran	James St. Clair
Coke	Roy Blair
Coleman	Joe Watson
Collingsworth	John James
Colorado	Ty Prause
Comal	Sherman Krause
Comanche	James Arthur
Concho	Edgar Amos

## FISCAL YEAR 2013

## CONSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATING JUDGES

County	Judge
Coryell	John Firth
Cottle	D. N. Gregory
Crane	John Farmer
Crockett	Fred Deaton
Crosby	David Wigley
Culberson	Carlos Urias
Dallam	David Field
Dawson	Allen Wells
De Witt	Daryl Fowler
Deaf Smith	Tom Simons
Delta	Herbert Brookshire
Dickens	Lesa Arnold
Dimmit	Francisco Ponce
Donley	Jack Hall
Duval	Abel Aragon
Eastland	Rex Fields
Ector	Susan Redford
Edwards	Souli Shanklin
Ellis	Carol Bush
Falls	R. Sharp
Fannin	Creta Carter
Fayette	Edward Janecka
Fisher	Marshal Bennett
Floyd	Penny Golightly
Foard	Mark Christopher
Franklin	Paul Lovier
Freestone	Linda Grant
Frio	Carlos Garcia
Gaines	Lance Celander
Galveston	Mark Henry
Garza	John Norman
Gillespie	Mark Stroeher
Glasscock	Kim Halfmann
Goliad	David Bowman
Gonzales	James Bird
Gray	Richard Peet
Grayson	Drue Bynum
Grimes	Betty Shiflett
Guadalupe	Mike Wiggins
Hale	Bill Coleman

## FISCAL YEAR 2013

## CONSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATING JUDGES

County	Judge
Hall	Ray Powell
Hamilton	Randy Mills
Hansford	Benny Wilson
Hardeman	Ronald Ingram
Hardin	Billy Caraway
Harrison	Hugh Taylor
Hartley	Ronnie Gordon
Haskell	David Davis
Hays	Albert Cobb Jr.
Hemphill	George Briant
Henderson	Richard Sanders
Hill	Justin Lewis
Hockley	Larry Sprowls
Hood	Darrell Cockerham
Hopkins	Chris Brown
Howard	Mark Barr
Hudspeth	Becky Dean-Walker
Hutchinson	B. Faye Blanks
Irion	Tom Aiken
Jack	Mitchell Davenport
Jackson	Dennis Simons
Jasper	Mark Allen
Jeff Davis	George Grubb
Jefferson	Jeff Branick
Jim Hogg	Guadalupe Canales
Jim Wells	L. Arnoldo Saenz
Jones	Dale Spurgin
Karnes	Barbara Shaw
Kaufman	Bruce Wood
Kent	Jim White
Kerr	Pat Tinley
Kimble	Andrew Murr
Kinney	Tim Ward
Kleberg	Juan Escobar
Knox	Travis Floyd
La Salle	Joel Rodriguez
Lamar	M. C. Superville
Lamb	James DeLoach
Lampasas	Wayne Boultinghouse
Lavaca	Tramer Woytek

## FISCAL YEAR 2013

## CONSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATING JUDGES

County	Judge
Lee	Paul Fischer
Leon	Byron Ryder
Liberty	Craig McNair
Limestone	Daniel Burkeen
Lipscomb	Willis Smith
Live Oak	Jim Huff
Llano	Wayne Brascom
Loving	Skeet Jones
Lubbock	Thomas (Tom) Head
Lynn	H. G. Franklin
Madison	Arthur Henson
Marion	Phil Parker
Martin	Charles (Corky) Blocker
Mason	Jerry Bearden
Matagorda	Nate McDonald
Maverick	David Saucedo
McCulloch	Danny Neal
McLennan	Jim Lewis
McMullen	James Teal
Medina	James Barden
Menard	Richard Cordes
Midland	Michael Bradford
Milam	Dave Barkemeyer
Mills	Kirkland Fulk
Mitchell	Currie Mayo
Montague	Tommie Sappington
Moore	Rowdy Rhoades
Morris	Lynda Munkres
Motley	James Meador
Navarro	Hershell (H. M.) Davenport
Newton	Truman Dougharty
Nolan	Tim Fambrough
Ochiltree	Earl McKinley
Oldham	Don Allred
Palo Pinto	David Nicklas
Parker	Mark Riley
Parmer	Trey Ellis
Pecos	Joseph Shuster
Polk	John Thompson
Potter	Arthur Ware

## FISCAL YEAR 2013

## CONSTITUTIONAL PARTICIPATING JUDGES

County	Judge
Presidio	Paul Hunt
Rains	Wayne Wolfe
Randall	Ernie Houdashell
Reagan	Larry Isom
Real	Garry Merritt
Red River	Morris Harville
Refugio	Ramiro Mascorro
Roberts	Vernon Cook
Robertson	Jan Roe
Runnels	Barry Hilliard
Rusk	Joel Hale
Sabine	Charles Watson
San Augustine	Samye Johnson
San Jacinto	Fritz Faulkner
San Patricio	Terry Simpson
San Saba	Byron Theodosis
Schleicher	Charlie Bradley
Scurry	Rod Waller
Shackelford	Ross Montgomery
Shelby	Rick Campbell
Sherman	Terri Carter
Smith	Joel Baker
Somervell	Mike Ford
Starr	Eloy Vera
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Throckmorton	Trey Carrington
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Val Verde	Laura Allen
Van Zandt	Rhita Koches
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Ward	Greg Holly
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Wheeler	Jerry Hefley
Wichita	Woodrow Gossom
Wilbarger	Greg Tyra
Willacy	John Gonzales Jr.
Wilson	Marvin Quinney
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Bailey	Sherri L. Harrison
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Bee	David Silva
Bell	Jon Hanes Burrows
Blanco	Bill Guthrie
Borden	Ross D. Sharp
Bosque	Dewey Ratliff
Bowie	Sterling E. Lacy
Brazoria	E. J. (Joe) King
Brewster	Val Clark Beard
Briscoe	Wayne Nance
Brooks	Raul M. Ramirez
Brown	Ernest Ray West
Burleson	Mike Sutherland
Burnet	Donna S. Klaeger
Caldwell	Tom Bonn
Callahan	David Roger Corn
Camp	Thomas Cravey
Carson	Lewis W. Powers
Cass	Charles L. McMichael
Castro	Carroll U. Gerber
Chambers	Jimmy Sylvia
Cherokee	Chris Davis
Childress	Jay Mayden
Clay	Kenneth E. Liggett
Cochran	Billy D. Carter
Coke	Roy Blair
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Concho	Edgar Allen Amos
Coryell	John E. Firth
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Crockett	Fred Marshall Deaton
Crosby	David A. Wigley
Culberson	Carlos Urias
Dallam	David D. Field
Dawson	Foy Allen O'Brien
De Witt	Daryl L. Fowler
Deaf Smith	Tom E. Simons
Delta	Herbert Brookshire
Dickens	Lesla Arnold
Dimmit	Francisco G. Ponce
Donley	Jack Hall
Duval	Abel Aragon
Eastland	Rex Louis Fields
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Garza	John Lee Norman
Gillespie	Mark Stroehler
Glasscock	Kim Halfmann
Goliad	David W. Bowman
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Harrison	Hugh P. Taylor
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Haskell	David C. Davis
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Hutchinson	B. Faye Blanks
Irion	Tom Aiken
Jack	Mitchell Grant Davenport
Jackson	Dennis Simons
Jasper	Mark Wayne Allen
Jeff Davis	George Emmett Grubb
Jefferson	Jeff Branick
Jim Hogg	Humberto Gonzalez
Jim Wells	L. Arnoldo Saenz
Jones	Dale Spurgin
Karnes	Richard Butler
Kaufman	J. Bruce Wood
Kent	Jim C. White
Kerr	Tom Pollard
Kimble	Delbert Roberts
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Kleberg	Juan M. Escobar
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Matagorda	Nate N. McDonald
Maverick	David R. Saucedo
McCulloch	Danny Neal
McLennan	Scott M. Felton
McMullen	James E. Teal
Medina	James E. Barden
Menard	Richard Cordes
Midland	Michael R. Bradford
Milam	David L. Barkemeyer
Mills	Kirkland A. Fulk
Mitchell	Currie Ray Mayo
Montague	Tommie Sappington
Moore	Rowdy Rhoades
Morris	Lynda Munkres
Motley	James Meador
Navarro	Hershell (H. M.) Davenport
Newton	Truman Dougharty
Nolan	Tim D. Fambrough
Ochiltree	Earl McKinley
Oldham	Don R. Allred
Palo Pinto	David Charles Nicklas
Parker	Mark W. Riley
Parmer	Trey Ellis
Pecos	Joseph Martin Shuster
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Roberts	Rick Tennant
Robertson	Jan A. Roe
Runnels	Barry Van Hilliard
Rusk	Joel Rogers Hale
Sabine	Daryl Melton
San Augustine	Samye Johnson
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# Appendix B

## Constitutional County Courts Activity Detail from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013

**99.0 Percent Reporting Rate**  
**2,496 Reports Received Out of a Possible 2,520**

MISDEMEANOR CASES												
	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Possession - Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS / DWLI	All Other Misdemea- nor Cases	Total Cases
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>												
<b>Cases Pending 9/1/2012:</b>												
<i>Active Cases</i>	14,756	1,747	7,598	17,709	6,953	3,244	1,887	4,147	7,370	3,988	19,807	89,206
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	2,236	297	2,600	4,467	1,371	390	314	426	472	528	2,363	15,464
Docket Adjustments	33	30	71	(224)	171	201	42	28	212	192	549	1,305
<b>Cases Added:</b>												
New Cases Filed	6,049	1,454	3,264	5,739	6,748	2,727	2,343	1,949	2,494	4,096	11,554	48,417
Appealed from Lower Courts	21	0	7	5	6	64	2	9	2,897	63	486	3,560
<b>Other Cases Reaching Docket:</b>												
<i>Motions to Revoke Filed</i>	863	294	532	439	1,005	232	256	244	91	388	969	5,313
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	877	236	1,082	2,357	1,107	368	313	334	243	650	1,864	9,431
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	208	53	86	15	188	35	84	47	68	84	243	1,111
<b>Total Cases on Docket</b>	<b>22,807</b>	<b>3,814</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>26,040</b>	<b>16,178</b>	<b>6,871</b>	<b>4,927</b>	<b>6,758</b>	<b>13,375</b>	<b>9,461</b>	<b>35,472</b>	<b>158,343</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>												
<b>Convictions:</b>												
<i>Guilty Plea/Nolo Contendere</i>	3,788	1,147	1,637	1,635	2,992	961	938	817	766	2,071	5,349	22,101
<i>By the Court</i>	191	71	52	66	98	46	46	53	34	61	158	876
<i>By the Jury</i>	19	5	4	3	4	0	2	5	4	3	22	71
Total Convictions	3,998	1,223	1,693	1,704	3,094	1,007	986	875	804	2,135	5,529	23,048
Deferred Adjudication	359	30	467	435	1,570	314	228	272	1,849	578	1,186	7,288
<b>Acquittals:</b>												
<i>By the Court</i>	11	1	0	4	6	1	4	2	8	3	16	56
<i>By the Jury</i>	8	2	4	0	0	1	3	7	2	1	17	45
Total Acquittals	19	3	4	4	6	2	7	9	10	4	33	101
Dismissals	2,895	333	1,595	6,091	2,370	1,001	1,158	1,215	2,589	1,563	6,212	27,022
<b>Motions to Revoke:</b>												
<i>Granted/Revoked</i>	502	167	274	252	497	140	145	131	49	153	607	2,917
<i>Denied/Continued</i>	234	46	125	91	226	49	55	49	27	74	194	1,170
All Other Dispositions	467	103	254	204	534	112	152	110	348	273	672	3,229
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>8,474</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>8,781</b>	<b>8,297</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>2,731</b>	<b>2,661</b>	<b>5,676</b>	<b>4,780</b>	<b>14,433</b>	<b>64,775</b>
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>2,127</b>	<b>10,507</b>
<b>Cases Pending 8/31/2013:</b>												
<i>Active Cases</i>	13,434	1,674	7,104	15,079	6,582	3,864	1,865	3,757	7,316	3,873	18,907	83,455
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	2,258	293	2,642	4,290	1,553	404	332	432	612	684	2,625	16,125
<b>Sentencing Information:</b>												
Local Jail	1,098	391	691	691	1,298	472	436	405	154	757	2,688	9,081
Probation/Comm. Supervision	2,129	623	631	405	1,164	353	345	307	516	607	1,396	8,476
Fine Only	203	36	118	304	367	68	63	61	316	323	455	2,314
Other	330	62	167	237	308	107	88	111	350	272	528	2,560
<b>Age of Cases Disposed:</b>						<b>Additional Court Activity:</b>						
	30 Days or Less	31 to 60 Days	61 to 90 Days	Over 90 Days	<b>Total Cases</b>							<b>Total</b>
Number of Cases	19,321	8,121	7,228	30,105	64,775	Cases in Which Jury Selected						67
						Cases in Which Mistrial Declared						2
						Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied						67
						Competency Hearings Held						5
						Cases Set for Review						895
						Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel						7,688
						Cases With Retained Counsel						7,199

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CIVIL CASES									
	Injury or Damage		Real Property	Contract			Civil Cases Relating to Criminal Matters	All Other Civil Cases	Total Cases
	Motor Vehicle	Other Injury or Damage		Consumer/ Commercial/ Debt	Landlord/ Tenant	Other Contract			
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>									
<b>Cases Pending 9/1/2012:</b>									
<i>Active Cases</i>	423	192	16	2,192	46	221	5,982	7,215	16,287
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	36	17	0	460	2	37	507	1,068	2,127
Docket Adjustments	(5)	(5)	0	(37)	(8)	(6)	(29)	(66)	(156)
<b>Cases Added:</b>									
New Cases Filed	51	18	4	302	26	22	3,579	2,550	6,552
Appealed from Lower Courts	1	0	1	18	22	1	11	57	111
Other Cases Reaching Docket:									
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	1	0	0	6	0	1	34	2	44
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	2	0	0	20	0	0	111	75	208
<b>Total Cases on Docket</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>9,688</b>	<b>9,833</b>	<b>23,046</b>
<b>Dispositions:</b>									
Change of Venue Transfers	0	0	0	3	2	0	7	22	34
Default Judgments	6	3	0	99	6	1	212	44	371
Agreed Judgments	9	0	0	32	4	0	514	262	821
Summary Judgments	1	0	0	13	0	0	3	11	28
Final Judgments:									
<i>After Non-Jury Trial</i>	3	1	2	17	6	2	282	134	447
<i>By Jury Verdict</i>	0	0	0	3	0	0	8	1	12
<i>By Directed Verdict</i>	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	7
<i>Dismissed for Want of Prosec.</i>	3	1	0	14	1	4	552	103	678
<i>Non-Suited/Dism. by Plaintiff</i>	11	2	1	80	4	3	527	214	842
All Other Dispositions	13	3	0	19	6	6	760	1,280	2,087
<b>Total Cases Disposed</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>5,327</b>
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Cases Pending 8/31/2013:</b>									
<i>Active Cases</i>	428	198	18	2,231	53	220	6,782	7,776	17,706
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	34	14	0	444	5	39	511	1,049	2,096

Age of Cases Disposed:	3 Months or Less	Over 3 to 6 Months	Over 6 to 12 Months	Over 12 to 18 Months	Over 18 Months	Total Cases	Additional Court Activity:	
							Total	
Number of Cases	3,381	496	554	266	630	5,327	Cases in Which Jury Selected	11
							Cases in Which Mistrial Declared	0
							Injunction or Show Cause Order Issued	20
							Protective Orders Signed	148
							Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	1,394

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JUVENILE CASES												
	Delinquent Conduct											
	CINS	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicide	Agg. Assault or Attempted Murder	Assault	Indecency with or Sexual Assault of Child	Agg. Robbery or Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>												
<b>Cases Pending 9/1/2012:</b>												
<i>Active Cases</i>	234	0	0	0	23	73	69	3	55	41	11	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	66	0	0	0	0	7	3	0	6	1	0	
Docket Adjustments	(7)	0	0	0	(3)	(13)	(14)	(5)	(15)	(8)	1	
<b>Cases Added:</b>												
New Petitions Filed	81	0	1	0	33	116	60	6	100	68	24	
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Crim. Court	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Other Cases Reaching Docket:												
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	11	0	0	0	5	10	5	0	25	9	5	
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	5	3	1	1	
<b>Total Cases on Docket</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>42</b>	
<b>Adjudications:</b>												
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:												
<i>Plea of True</i>	20	0	0	0	10	29	17	1	43	19	11	
<i>By the Court</i>	12	0	0	0	8	9	8	0	11	20	3	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Findings of DC/CINS	32	0	0	0	21	39	25	1	54	39	14	
Deferred Prosecution	53	0	0	0	2	12	0	0	6	4	2	
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	---	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	
Findings of No DC or No CINS:												
<i>By the Court</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Dismissals	10	0	0	0	8	31	12	0	18	15	6	
Motions to Modify Disposition:												
<i>Denied</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	
<i>Granted</i>	1	0	0	0	2	8	1	0	27	6	7	
All Other Adjudications/Findings	4	0	0	0	3	2	6	0	4	2	0	
<b>Total Cases Adjudicated</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Cases Pending 8/31/2013:</b>												
<i>Active Cases</i>	217	0	1	1	23	104	73	8	60	43	12	
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	67	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	1	0	
<b>Dispositions:</b>												
<b>Cases with Findings of DC/CINS</b>												
Probation Granted												
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	---	0	0	0	9	21	12	0	29	21	5	
<i>All Other Probation</i>	20	0	0	0	5	10	3	0	18	13	3	
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.												
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	---	0	0	0	3	1	3	0	1	1	0	
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	---	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	3	0	2	
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	
<b>Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.</b>												
Probation Revoked, Child sent to TJJD	---	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	2	2	
All Other Dispositions	5	0	0	0	3	9	7	0	25	14	5	

**Constitutional County Courts**  
**Activity Detail from September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013**

**99.0 Percent Reporting Rate**  
**2,496 Reports Received Out of a Possible 2,520**

<b>JUVENILE CASES</b>								
	<b>Delinquent Conduct</b>					<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>Total Delinquent Conduct Cases</b>	
	<b>Felony Drug Offenses</b>	<b>Misdemeanor Drug Offenses</b>	<b>DWI</b>	<b>Contempt of Court</b>	<b>All Other Offenses</b>		<b>Felonies</b>	<b>Misdemeanors</b>
<b>Cases on Docket:</b>								
<b>Cases Pending 9/1/2012:</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	12	59	0	6	544	1,130	258	455
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	2	0	0	286	371	11	9
Docket Adjustments	(4)	1	1	0	52	(14)	(8)	(31)
<b>Cases Added:</b>								
New Petitions Filed	18	79	1	3	270	860	269	312
Petitions for Transfer to Adult Crim. Court	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	5
Other Cases Reaching Docket:								
<i>Motions to Modify/Enforce/Proceed Filed</i>	4	14	0	1	22	111	43	42
<i>Cases Reactivated</i>	0	0	0	0	4	11	0	2
<i>All Other Cases Added</i>	0	1	0	0	14	34	4	12
<b>Total Cases on Docket</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>2,137</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>797</b>
<b>Adjudications:</b>								
Findings of Delinquent Conduct or CINS:								
<i>Plea of True</i>	6	33	1	0	70	260	89	100
<i>By the Court</i>	3	20	0	0	60	154	38	51
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1
Total Findings of DC/CINS	9	53	1	0	131	419	127	152
Deferred Prosecution	0	8	0	1	26	114	18	24
Transferred to Adult Criminal Court	0	0	0	0	2	6	3	2
Findings of No DC or No CINS:								
<i>By the Court</i>	0	1	0	0	2	4	1	1
<i>By the Jury</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Findings of No DC/No CINS	0	1	0	0	2	4	1	1
Dismissals	4	15	0	6	72	197	48	68
Motions to Modify Disposition:								
<i>Denied</i>	0	2	0	0	2	12	8	4
<i>Granted</i>	3	8	0	0	14	77	33	24
All Other Adjudications/Findings	0	5	0	0	35	61	12	16
<b>Total Cases Adjudicated</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>291</b>
<b>Placed on Inactive Status</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cases Pending 8/31/2013:</b>								
<i>Active Cases</i>	14	62	1	3	633	1,255	317	506
<i>Inactive Cases</i>	0	2	0	0	274	352	11	7
<b>Dispositions:</b>								
<b>Cases with Findings of DC/CINS</b>								
Probation Granted								
<i>Determinate Sentence Probation</i>	7	23	1	0	56	184	60	62
<i>All Other Probation</i>	5	16	0	0	25	118	38	49
Committed to Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.								
<i>Determinate Sentence</i>	0	1	0	0	5	15	4	3
<i>Indeterminate Sentence</i>	0	0	0	0	14	25	10	5
Final Judgment Without Any Disposition	0	2	0	0	2	8	2	6
<b>Cases with Granted Motion to Modify Disp.</b>								
Probation Revoked, Child sent to TJJD	0	2	0	0	7	19	6	5
All Other Dispositions	4	11	0	0	23	106	31	32

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JUVENILE CASES									
Age of Cases Adjudicated:					Additional Court Activity:				
	30 Days or Less	31 to 90 Days	91 to 180 Days	Over 180 Days	Total Cases	CINS	DC	Total	
Number of Cases	332	261	107	190	890	Grand Jury Approvals	---	0	0
						Release or Transfer Hearings	---	18	18
						Detention Hearings	57	648	705
						Cases Set for Review	7	42	49
						Competency Hearings	6	26	32
						Motions to Suppress Granted/Denied	0	3	3
						Applications for Sealing Records	0	4	4
						Motions for Sex Offender Un- or Deregistration	0	0	0
						Cases in Which Attorney Appointed as Counsel	68	486	554
						Cases with Retained Counsel	6	114	120

PROBATE AND GUARDIANSHIP CASES							
Cases on Docket:	Decedents' Estates			Guardianships		All Other Cases	Total Cases
	Independent Administration	Dependent Administration	All Other Estate Proceedings	Minor	Adult		
New Cases, Applications or Contests Filed	8,814	505	5,323	418	974	689	16,723
Other Cases Added:							
<i>Ancillary Cases</i>	103	23	110	7	16	2	261
<i>All Other Matters</i>	405	157	171	45	880	26	1,684
Inventories Filed	5,220	293	---	50	282	---	5,845
Guardianship of Person Reports Filed	---	---	---	218	2,684	---	2,902
Annual or Final Accounts Filed	---	316	---	221	1,143	---	1,680

Additional Information:				Total	
Dismissed or Denied	Guardianships:	251	Sec. 683 Investigations	526	
Granted		733	Ch. 48 Removals	47	
Closed		546	Hearings Held	12,753	
Active		9,592	Cases in Which Plaintiff/Petitioner Represented Self	966	

MENTAL HEALTH CASES						
	Temporary Mental Health Services	Extended Mental Health Services	Modification		Order to Authorize Psychoactive Medications	
			Inpatient to Outpatient	Outpatient to Inpatient		
<b>Intake</b>						
New Applications Filed	7,439	116	1	5	1,339	
Orders for Protective Custody Signed	5,906	---	---	---	32	
					825	
<b>Hearings</b>						
Probable Cause Hearings Held	4,587	---	---	---	12	
Release/Dismissal Prior to Final Hearing	2,645	1	0	0	817	
Final Commitment Hearings Held	2,403	70	0	2		
<b>Other Information</b>						
Disposition at Final Hearing						
<i>Denied (Release)</i>	1,247	0	0	0		
<i>Granted (Commit)</i>						
<i>Inpatient</i>	1,156	30	0	---		
<i>Outpatient</i>	66	0	---	0		

# Appendix C

County of «County»

State of Texas

## AFFIDAVIT

My name is «First\_Name» «Middle\_Name» «Last\_Name». I am the constitutional county judge of «County» County, Texas. I am making this affidavit in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 26.006 to claim a salary supplement from the state.

On my oath, I swear or affirm that at least forty percent (40%) of the functions I perform as county judge are judicial functions.

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«First\_Name» «Middle\_Name» «Last\_Name»

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 by «First\_Name» «Middle\_Name» «Last\_Name».

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Notary Public, State of Texas

## Appendix D

# County Judge Salaries - 2014

With 2012 population

Information not included for: Carson, Comanche, Galveston, Hardeman, Hudspeth, Johnson, La Salle, Loving, Maverick, Presidio, Robertson, Swisher and Wichita.

<i>County</i>	<i>Judge</i>	<i>2012 Pop.</i>
Anderson	50,399	58,190
Andrews	76,344	16,117
Angelina	48,106	87,597
Aransas	67,420	23,818
Archer	40,500	8,735
Armstrong	25,604	1,944
Atascosa	55,800	46,446
Austin	49,937	28,618
Bailey	38,702	7,130
Bandera	50,582	20,537
Bastrop	68,217	74,763
Baylor	23,700	3,623
Bee	44,125	32,527
Bell	107,934	323,037
Bexar	126,219	1,785,704
Blanco	39,787	10,655
Borden	37,178	616
Bosque	47,844	18,125
Bowie	81,486	93,148
Brazoria	124,147	324,769
Brazos	88,943	200,665
Brewster	43,305	9,316
Briscoe	24,782	1,561
Brooks	40,376	7,161
Brown	63,793	37,825
Burleson	42,050	17,291
Burnet	73,715	43,448
Caldwell	48,145	38,734
Calhoun	67,702	21,609
Callahan	43,997	13,517
Cameron	69,462	415,557
Camp	39,306	12,449
Cass	45,592	30,166
Castro	42,800	8,164
Chambers	108,132	36,196
Cherokee	61,224	51,206
Childress	35,149	7,029
Clay	46,500	10,535
Cochran	41,534	3,046
Coke	28,694	3,231
Coleman	39,286	8,675
Collin	135,951	834,642
Collingsworth	25,035	3,036
Colorado	53,160	20,696
Comal	74,150	114,384
Concho	31,371	4,010
Cooke	61,276	38,688
Coryell	44,188	77,231
Cottle	17,892	1,486
Crane	63,060	4,562
Crockett	51,600	3,743
Crosby	35,566	6,126
Culberson	50,214	2,290
Dallam	63,794	6,996
Dallas	163,207	2,453,843
Dawson	38,963	13,640
Deaf Smith	65,312	19,360

Delta	30,062	5,329
Denton	112,524	707,304
DeWitt	58,235	20,465
Dickens	33,756	2,323
Dimmit	76,000	10,461
Donley	23,636	3,598
Duval	46,046	11,717
Eastland	72,213	18,421
Ector	98,284	144,325
Edwards	25,507	1,968
Ellis	86,050	153,969
El Paso	85,027	827,398
Erath	61,058	39,321
Falls	32,346	17,610
Fannin	51,500	33,831
Fayette	51,400	24,695
Fisher	32,389	3,844
Floyd	30,451	6,367
Foard	24,559	1,307
Fort Bend	117,600	627,293
Franklin	54,227	10,640
Freestone	61,467	19,515
Frio	58,506	17,702
Gaines	63,678	18,413
Garza	34,191	6,412
Gillespie	65,787	25,153
Glasscock	48,200	1,259
Goliad	47,816	7,351
Gonzales	53,532	20,045
Gray	54,688	22,978
Grayson	102,030	121,935
Gregg	66,507	122,658
Grimes	49,125	26,783
Guadalupe	71,799	139,841
Hale	56,355	36,385
Hall	24,877	3,293
Hamilton	37,842	8,307
Hansford	46,396	5,521
Hardin	76,791	55,190
Harris	157,456	4,253,700
Harrison	56,499	67,450
Hartley	44,450	6,144
Haskell	30,414	5,901
Hays	81,411	168,990
Hemphill	57,650	4,080
Henderson	68,230	79,094
Hidalgo	114,660	806,552
Hill	53,134	35,115
Hockley	61,179	23,072
Hood	76,333	52,044
Hopkins	51,370	35,469
Houston	48,060	23,161
Howard	49,551	35,408
Hunt	55,405	87,079
Hutchinson	82,477	21,922
Irion	39,713	1,573
Jack	40,778	8,983
Jackson	53,012	14,255
Jasper	61,277	35,923
Jeff Davis	37,982	2,307
Jefferson	125,372	251,813
Jim Hogg	28,536	5,249
Jim Wells	93,599	41,754
Jones	36,912	19,973
Karnes	44,524	15,233
Kaufman	78,904	106,753
Kendall	77,909	35,956

Kenedy	69,437	431
Kent	51,237	839
Kerr	59,315	49,786
Kimble	45,580	4,560
King	37,465	276
Kinney	39,800	3,603
Kleberg	51,350	32,025
Knox	32,370	3,789
Lamar	54,454	49,811
Lamb	55,591	14,008
Lampasas	74,193	20,107
Lavaca	49,907	19,468
Lee	41,196	16,601
Leon	42,990	16,803
Liberty	63,228	76,571
Limestone	57,125	23,585
Lipscomb	56,400	3,480
Live Oak	46,245	11,664
Llano	54,190	19,085
Lubbock	77,450	285,760
Lynn	31,154	5,783
McCulloch	36,165	8,313
McLennan	108,765	238,707
McMullen	41,500	726
Madison	46,631	13,677
Marion	38,164	10,324
Martin	65,700	5,017
Mason	35,100	4,003
Matagorda	64,578	36,547
Medina	54,204	46,765
Menard	30,792	2,240
Midland	96,295	146,645
Milam	48,000	24,157
Mills	37,622	4,828
Mitchell	44,168	9,336
Montague	53,600	19,565
Montgomery	155,288	485,047
Moore	66,866	22,313
Morris	43,753	12,787
Motley	16,226	1,202
Nacogdoches	70,711	66,034
Navarro	68,994	47,979
Newton	47,674	14,200
Nolan	43,516	14,924
Nueces	91,856	347,691
Ochiltree	65,590	10,728
Oldham	49,881	2,060
Orange	98,500	82,977
Palo Pinto	59,211	27,856
Panola	61,778	24,020
Parker	94,500	119,712
Parmer	49,609	10,183
Pecos	65,135	15,619
Polk	55,347	45,656
Potter	90,048	122,335
Rains	34,999	10,943
Randall	81,117	125,082
Reagan	52,573	3,475
Real	44,869	3,369
Red River	32,550	12,694
Reeves	60,868	13,798
Refugio	54,660	7,259
Roberts	41,256	854
Rockwall	83,853	83,021
Runnels	39,041	10,449
Rusk	54,810	54,026
Sabine	34,932	10,433

San Augustine	38,312	8,818
San Jacinto	41,856	27,126
San Patricio	72,600	65,600
San Saba	51,263	6,002
Schleicher	51,456	3,264
Scurry	58,976	17,126
Shackelford	42,530	3,356
Shelby	46,670	26,019
Sherman	44,967	3,073
Smith	82,400	214,821
Somervell	52,116	8,598
Starr	73,837	61,615
Stephens	52,988	9,464
Sterling	47,300	1,191
Stonewall	27,701	1,475
Sutton	60,823	3,950
Tarrant	153,634	1,880,153
Taylor	58,835	133,473
Terrell	54,427	917
Terry	67,409	12,613
Throckmorton	30,202	1,601
Titus	54,016	32,663
Tom Green	84,934	113,281
Travis	113,573	1,095,584
Trinity	36,295	14,309
Tyler	66,660	21,458
Upshur	45,990	39,995
Upton	81,848	3,283
Uvalde	61,049	26,752
Val Verde	72,001	48,705
Van Zandt	64,440	52,427
Victoria	111,091	89,269
Walker	85,329	68,408
Waller	74,269	44,357
Ward	76,897	10,879
Washington	67,885	34,093
Webb	94,545	259,172
Wharton	62,088	41,285
Wheeler	69,921	5,626
Wilbarger	49,683	13,258
Willacy	62,945	22,058
Williamson	109,923	456,232
Wilson	58,905	44,370
Winkler	55,135	7,330
Wise	67,500	60,432
Wood	55,687	42,022
Yoakum	52,309	8,075
Young	40,253	18,339
Zapata	41,875	14,290
Zavala	73,345	11,961