



TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

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TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DATA MANAGEMENT

NOTES OF MEETING May 1, 2007 Office of Court Administration Austin, Texas

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS

The following members of the Committee were present:

Hon. Sharolyn P. Wood, Judge, 127th District Court, Harris County (Chair)
Mr. Joseph A. Callier, Attorney at Law, Callier & Garza, Houston (Member)
Hon. Delia Martinez-Carian, Associate Judge, Title IV-D Court, Bexar County (Member)
Hon. Olen Underwood, Presiding Judge, 2nd Administrative Judicial Region (Advisory Member)
Hon. Lamar McCorkle, Judge, 133rd District Court, Harris County (Advisory Member)
Ms. Bonnie Wolbrueck, District Clerk (retired), Williamson County (Advisory Member)

Additionally present were Mary Cowherd, Deputy Director for Research and Court Services, and Angela Garcia, Manager of Judicial Information, of the Office of Court Administration.

DECISIONS OF COMMITTEE

The Committee made the following decisions regarding the monthly reporting changes recommended by the various OCA data workgroups and sub-workgroups:

DISTRICT and COUNTY MONTHLY REPORTS

Criminal Section

- Add “Aggravated” to “Assault or Attempted Murder” category
- Eliminate “Directed Verdict/JNOV”
- Change “Motion to Suppress Hearings Held” to “Motions to Suppress Granted or Denied”: so that clerks have a document to track in order to report this information
- Remove “and Sanity” from Competency Hearings Held
- Remove Other Proceedings section from criminal area and make it stand alone in order to avoid confusion about whether a proceeding in this section is criminal or civil or heard by a criminal or civil court (varies by county)
- Eliminate Sentencing Information
- Eliminate Reactivated filing type, if possible

Civil Section

- Make changes to mirror proposal for criminal section:
 - Add cases in which mistrial declared
 - Consolidate cases where jury panel examined and cases where jury sworn and any evidence presented into Cases in Which Jury Selected
- Make Real Property categories same for all reporting levels (district, statutory county courts, constitutional county courts)
- Break Contract Cases into Consumer/Commercial (debt), and Other Contract
- Move Motor Vehicle injury/damage to first category
- Move Tax Cases to last category
- More clearly identify “Other” categories (e.g., “Other Injury or Damage”)
- Rename “Temporary Injunctions Issued” to “Injunctions or Show Cause Orders Issued”

Family Section

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Juvenile Section

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TRANSITION TO NEW REPORTING FORMS

The Committee acknowledged that issues related to the transition to the new reporting forms will need to be addressed. An email from Karen Matkin, the district clerk in McLennan County, was

shared with the Committee. In that email, Ms Matkin pointed out, “for categories that were once combined (ex: divorce, damage and motions) and are now being broken down to be more specific (ex: divorce, with and without children; damage, product liability and other damage; and motions have four new categories), how will the final dispositions be reported, since prior to the new reporting requirement cases will be reported as having been filed in the broad categories and presumably will still be pending when the switchover is made?”