Proper Reporting to the



Office of Court Administration

Objectives

Reporting requirements and reasons for reporting

Use of information

Common problems and errors

Reporting electronically

Legal Requirements

Texas Government Code, Chapter 71, Section 71.035(b): judge, clerk must submit reports

Texas Administrative Code, Sections 171.1 & 171.2: reports due no later than 20th day of month

Scope of Information

Report is not all encompassing

Judge-centered

Measures inputs and outputs

Scope of Information

required by law or

needed to make decisions regarding the jurisdiction, structure, and needs of the court system.

Publications

Trial Court Judicial Data Management System:
http://dm.courts.state.to



- Texas Judicial System Annual Report
- Texas Judicial System Directory

What types of organizations or people use this information?

Court Data Users

City councils City financial/budget officers **City auditors** Other judges Other clerks **Commission on Judicial Conduct** Comptroller Office of Court Administration **Legislative Budget Board Department of Public Safety Department of Transportation National Center for State Courts** The media The general public **Special interest groups: MADD, United Way**

Professors, students Department of Criminal Justice

Legislative Council

State Auditor

Attorney General's Office

Governor's Office

State Bar

Legislators & legislative committees

Commissioners courts

County auditors/treasurers

Texas Association of Counties

Councils of Governments

Law enforcement

Law firms & attorneys

Lobbyists

Workloads

Number of filings

Types of filings

Magistrate activities



Performance

Case clearance rate

Number cases disposed

Number cases added

$$\frac{2,400}{3,000} \times 100 = 80 \%$$



X 100

Performance

Revenue per disposition

Total Revenue Collected

Number convictions

Convictions = Bond Forfeitures + Fined + Trial by Judge: Finding of Guilty + Trial by Jury: Finding of Guilty + DSC + Deferred Disposition

Trends

- Number of cases filed overall or by category
- Case clearance rates overall or by category
- Warrants issued

Revenue collected



Comparisons

Courts in similar-sized cities

Over time

With more research:

- Staffing levels, salaries, budgets, other resources
- Case management, revenue collection practices

Benefits to You

 Official data to demonstrate what your court is doing and how well

Identify areas of needed improvement

 Justify requests for public resources: staff, technology

QUESTIONS?









- Use the proper form (July 2003)
- Label the report on both pages with court name, month, year
- Turn in the report in a timely manner, but turn in even if late.
- Fill out the front of the form in it's entirety, including the "Prepared By" section



- Include only that activity which occurred during the reporting month
- Fill out the entire form, including total revenue (blanks will be interpreted as zeros)
- Submit a report every month, even when there is no activity in the court for that month



- Make sure that the completed form is legible
- Keep copies of each report submitted
- Make corrections at any time
- Give us a call if you have questions!

If your report is computer generated:

Make sure your <u>court's name</u> is on your form or computer printout!!

Make sure the printout is legible!!

DON'Ts



Create or modify categories on the form

Enter data in shaded areas

 Use case numbers, negative numbers, or Roman numerals

DON'Ts

 Report number of community service hours ordered

 Enter dollar figures in anything other than the Total Revenue line



DON'Ts

Submit separate reports

 Send us your traffic tickets or documents that should be sent to DPS, Comptroller, etc.

EXERCISE



What goes where?



Filings & Dispositions Section

 Report only criminal cases over which your court has jurisdiction

 Do include juvenile cases over which your court has jurisdiction

Do not include cases handled by judge as a magistrate

Filings & Dispositions

VPTAs: Report as non-traffic misdemeanor

Call us if you have other questions

Dispositions

 Report only those cases in which the judge has signed a final judgment

■ One disposition per case

Dispositions: Prior to Trial

Bond Forfeitures

Report only when judge signs **final judgment** on the bond forfeiture

Judgment nisi is not a final judgment

Dispositions: Prior to Trial

Fined

- Report cases disposed by payment of fine without appearing before a judge (mail, online, in person, or credit card by phone)
- Disposition date is date judgment was signed (includes payment plans)

Dispositions: At Trial

Trial by Judge

Trials, of course!



However,...include all appearances before judge in which a final judgment was rendered

Trial by Judge

Include:

- Acceptance of guilty or no contest pleas
- Appearance to plead not guilty but later paid fine
- Appearance to obtain deferral but later paid fine or deferral was revoked

Report when judge signs final judgment

Trial by Judge: Finding of Guilty

Do not include cases involving guilty/no contest plea before judge or finding of guilt by judge that were dismissed

(i.e., deferred disposition)

Dispositions: At Trial

Dismissed at Trial

Report all cases dismissed at or after trial that are not reported elsewhere as dismissed on the form

Do NOT include driver safety, deferred disposition or compliance dismissals

Dispositions: Other Cases Dismissed

- Driving safety course
- Deferred disposition
- Proof of financial responsibility
- Proof of valid inspection, registration, driver's license

Do not report until the charge is dismissed

Community Service

Report only those cases in which community service was ordered to satisfy a fine or costs



Community Service

Do not:

 include cases in which community service is a mandatory sanction for the offense

report the number of hours ordered or served

Juvenile Activity

Please make sure that you are using the proper form,

last revised July 2003.



7. Juvenile / Minor Activity:	
A. Transportation Code Cases Filed	_
B. Non-Driving Alcoholic Beverage Code Cases Filed	
C. Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Cases Filed	
D. Health & Safety Code (Tobacco) Cases Filed	
E. Failure to Attend School Cases Filed (Education Code, Sec. 25.094)	
F. Education Code (Except Failure to Attend) Cases Filed	
G. Violation of Local Daytime Curfew Ordinance Cases Filed (Loc. Govt. Code, Sec. 341.905)	
H. All Other Non-Traffic Fine-Only Cases Filed	
Waiver of Jurisdiction of Non-Traffic Cases (Family Code, Sec. 51.08(b))	
J. Referred to Juvenile Court for Delinquent Conduct (C.C.P., Art. 45.050 (c)(1))	_
K. Held in Contempt, Fined, or Denied Driving Privileges (C.C.P., Art. 45.050 (c)(2))	
Magistrate Warnings Given (Juvenile): L. Warnings Administered	_
M. Statements Certified	

	8.	Parent Contributing to Nonattendance Cases Filed (Education Code, Sec. 25.093)	
	9.	Safety Responsibility and Driver's License Suspension Hearings Held	
-	10.	Search Warrants Issued (Do not include warrants for arrest.)	
-	11.	Arrest Warrants Issued:	
_		A. Class C Misdemeanors Only	
-		B. Felonies and Class A and B Misdemeanors	
	12.	Magistrate Warnings Given: (Given to defendants charged with county or district court offense.)	
-	_	A. Class A and B Misdemeanors Only	
	-	B. Felonies	
	13.	Emergency Mental Health Hearings Held	
	14.	Magistrate's Orders for Emergency Protection	
	15.	Total Revenue \$ (Include all revenue collected during month to be remitted to city of	or state)

Magistrate Duties

- Warnings administered to juveniles
- Juvenile statements certified
- Search warrants issued
- Arrest warrants issued
- Magistrate warnings given
- Emergency mental health hearings held
- Magistrate's orders for emergency protection

Total Revenue



 Report revenue in the month that it was collected

■ Include **COLLECTED** fines, fees, court costs, forfeited bonds, etc.



Total Revenue

If revenue is reported, cases must be reported as disposed in the Fined and/or Findings of Guilty lines.

(except when amounts owed are paid in installments in the month(s) after the cases were reported as disposed)



Total Revenue

Do not:

report amounts assessed

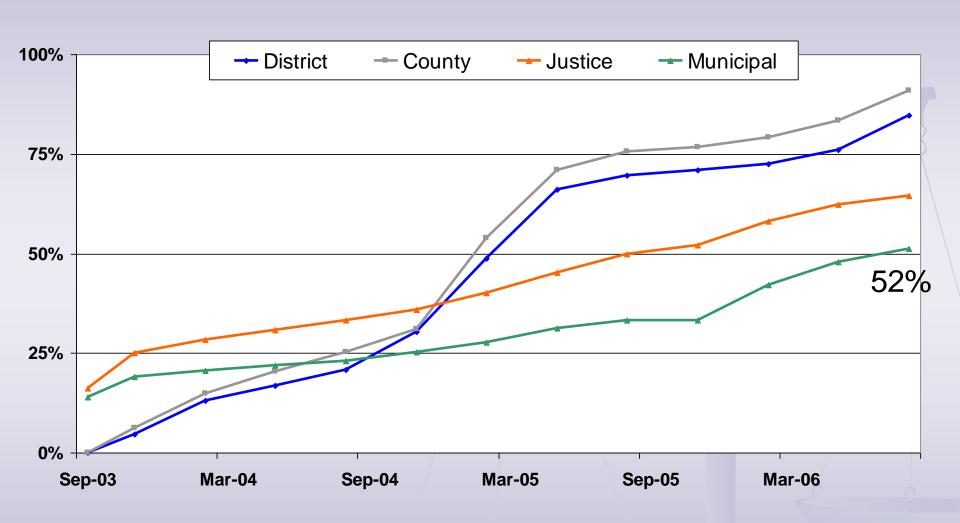
 include amounts retained by collections agencies

Trial Court Judicial Data Management System



http://dm.courts.state.tx.us

Growth in Electronic Reporting



Status of Online Reporting



November 2008

District Clerks

233 (94 %)

County Clerks

241 (97 %)

Justice Courts

597 (73%)

Municipal Courts

522 (58 %)

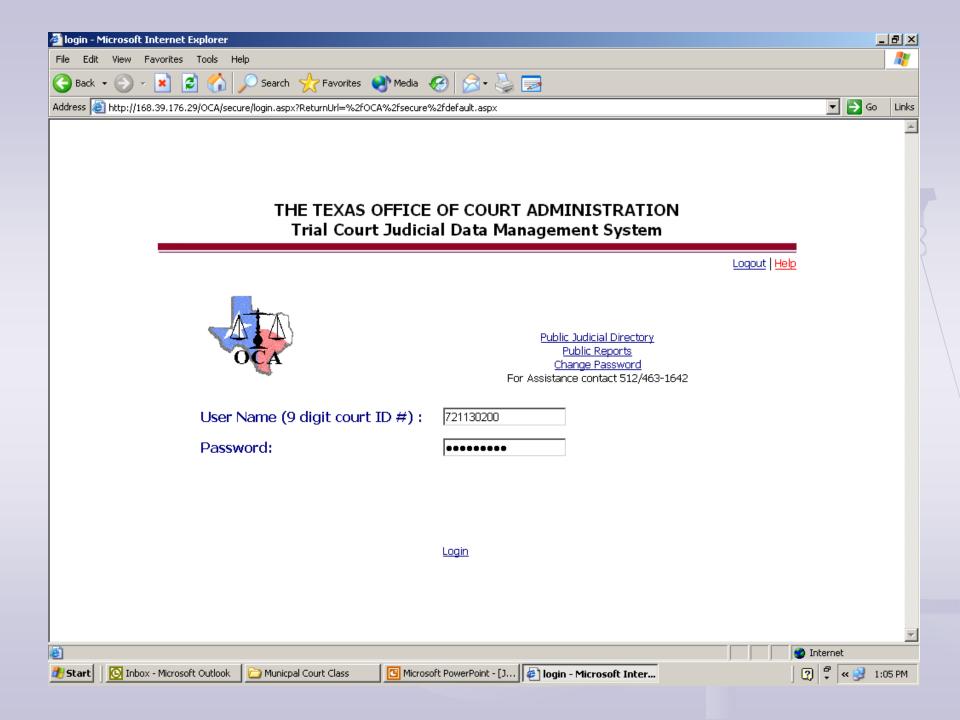
Getting Started



Contact OCA's Help Desk:

(512) 463-1642

to obtain a User ID and password







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Grapeland

P O Box 62 GRAPELAND, TEXAS 75844-0062



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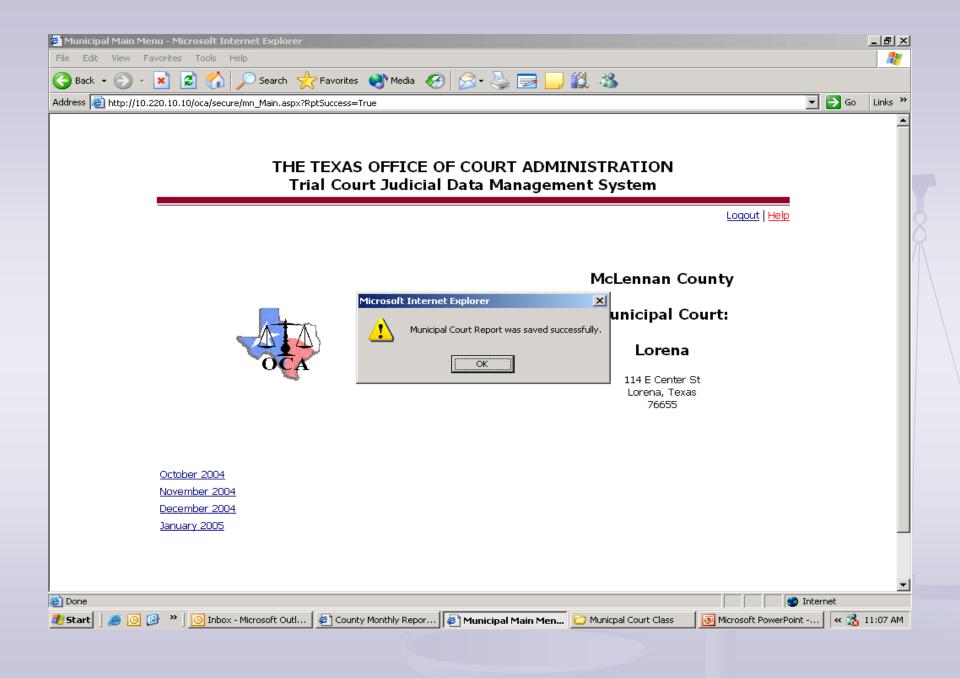
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	TRAFFIC		NON-TRAFFIC MISDEMEANORS							
CASES ON DOCKET	NON- PARKING	PARKING	STATE LAW	CITY ORDINANCE						
1. NEW CASES FILED DURING THE MONTH	770	8	10	20						
2. DISPOSITIONS PRIOR TO TRIAL										
A. Bond Forfeitures										
B. Fined	77	3	1	4						
C. Cases Dismissed (Do not include here those dismissals which are reported separately in 3C and 4 below).	49	0	1	12						
3. DISPOSITIONS AT TRIAL										
A. Trial by Judge (1) Finding of Guilty	136	1	5	2						
(2) Finding of Not Guilty										
B. Trial by Jury (1) Finding of Guilty										
(2) Finding of Not Guilty										
C. Dismissed at Trial										
4. CASES DISMISSED										
A. After Driver Safety Court	4									
B. After Deferred Disposition	68		1	1						
C. After Proof of Financial Responsibility (Usually liability insurance)	84									
D. Compliance Dismissal (Proof of Inspection, License, or	121									







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5. COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERED	0	0	0	0		

Case Management Vendors with Interfaces





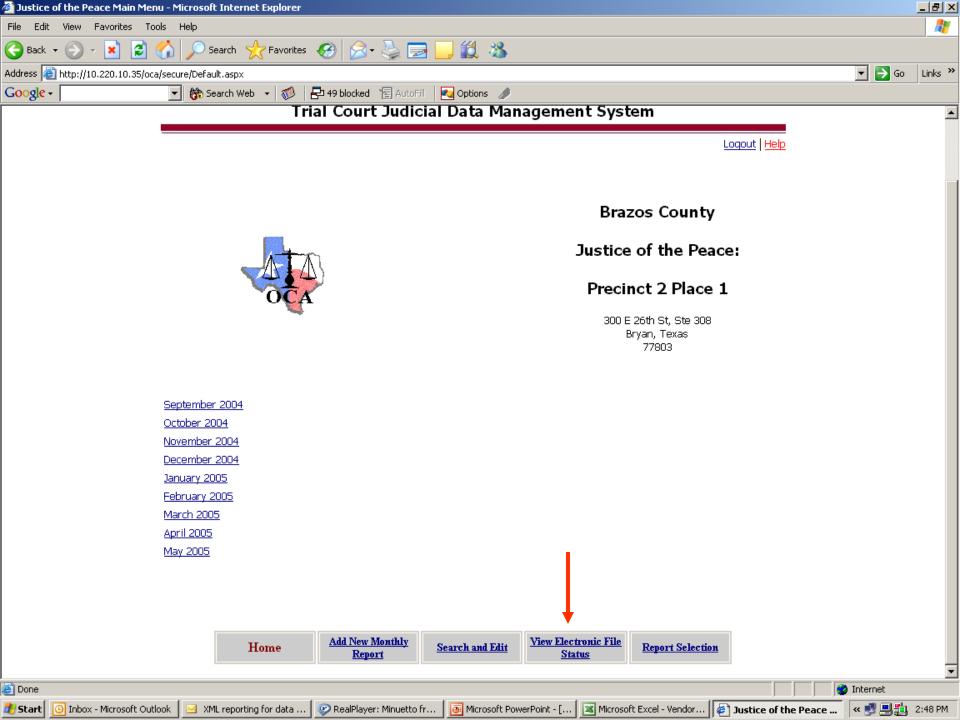




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Generating Activity Reports

 May access court activity data for any date range between September 1992 to present

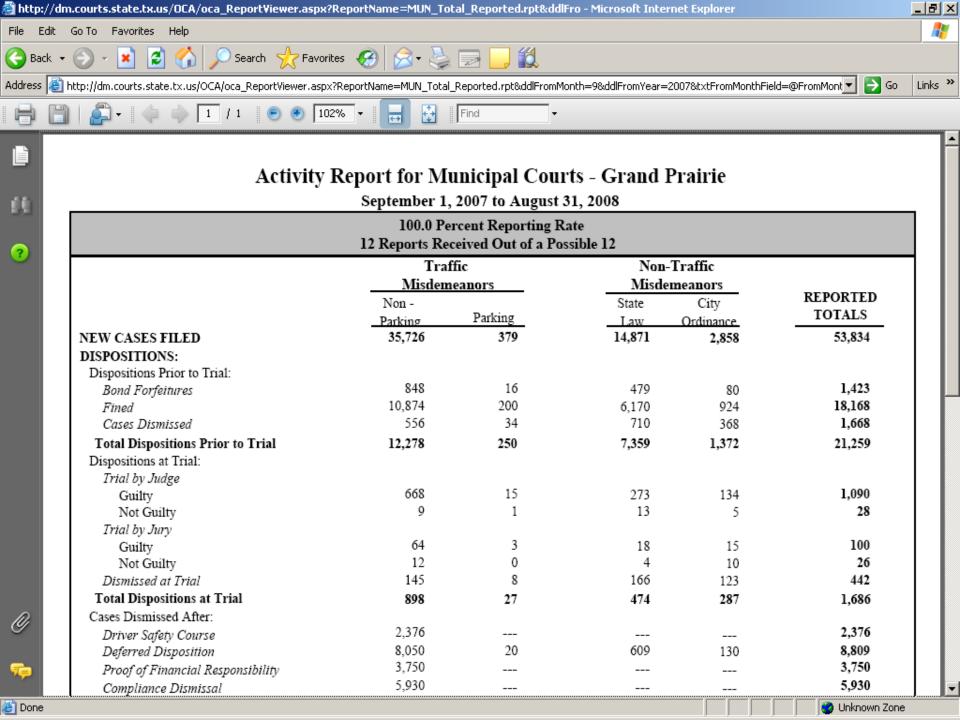
Most up-to-date data available



Generating Activity Reports

Monthly Activity Report: may run report for individual city or for statewide totals

 Activity by City: summary activity for all cities in state, may sort alphabetically or by population

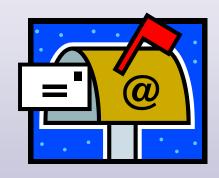


Municipal Courts Summary of Reported Activity from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008 (Cities Listed in Alphabetical Order)

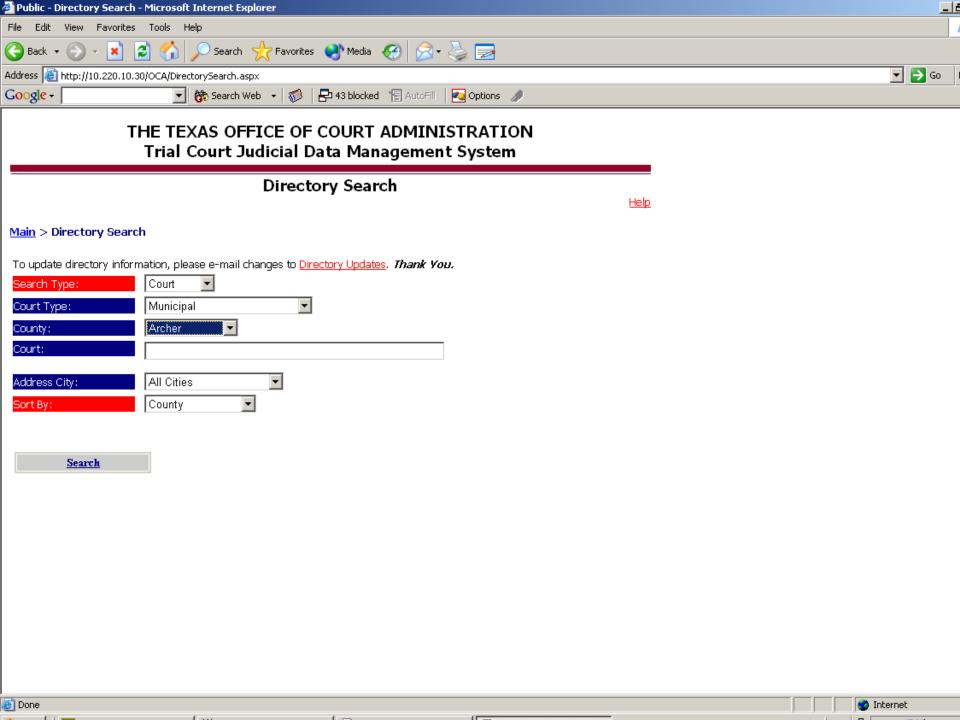
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	No.		Traffic Non-Traffic		Traffic Non-Traffic		Traffic		Non-Traffic						
City	Months Reporte	2007 Population	Non- Parking	Parking	State Law	City Ord.	Non- Parking	Parking	State Law	City Ord.	Non- Parking	Parking	State Law	City Ord.	Revenue (\$)
Abemathy Abilene Addison Alamo Alamo Heights	12 12 12 12 12	2,756 116,219 13,873 16,476 7,438	41 15,933 15,712 3,647 7,272	0 1,823 1,538 0 362	17 3,290 2,536 719 1,267	4 1,249 70 19 638	26 17,457 13,747 5,441 5,717	0 3,042 1,204 0 223	17 3,275 2,144 495 584	5 1,174 59 4 351	0 173 0 82 67	0 0 0 0	0 77 0 9 33	00000	12,222 3,092,186 1,765,360 275,820 726,007
Alba Albany Aledo Alice Alien	12 12 12 12 12	492 1,830 2,754 19,759 77,644	298 270 133 2,876 20,178	0 0 3 39 189	0 10 68 786 998	0 37 1 322 236	298 175 98 2,127 15,457	0 0 4 31 197	0 5 45 411 1,521	0 13 0 88 143	0 0 1 6	0	0 0 0 1 1	0 0 0	44,578 44,832 25,679 270,012 2,085,667
Alpine Alto Alton Alvarado Alvin	12 12 12 12 12	6,190 1,187 10,542 4,097 22,688	727 376 1,854 7,806 3,051	1 0 19 1,047 13	248 49 256 426 1,388	22 9 30 180 269	370 473 823 6,825 2,837	1 0 9 538 14	82 29 90 207 1,247	3 7 14 98 250	0 1 0 0 26	0	0 0 0 11	0 0 0 3	74,414 67,645 247,810 1,179,277 648,543
Alvord Amarilio Amherst Andrews Angleton	12 12 12 12 12	1,419 186,106 735 9,693 18,640	31 47,636 1 1,365 6,199	0 3,677 5 1 50	7,804 43 443 1,102	5 4,358 14 186 190	16 49,109 9 1,227 4,906	0 2,509 2 0 42	1 6,689 34 320 1,056	1 3,347 8 74 150	0 0 0 1 18	0 0 0 1	0 0 0 0 8	0 0 0 1	1,241 7,496,127 6,622 230,619 1,058,222
Anna Anson Anthony Anton Aransas Pass	12 12 12 12 12	1,889 2,322 4,117 1,135 8,864	178 237 1,819 1 3,389	12 0 52 0 23	156 23 391 10 1,040	23 24 41 3 68	96 106 1,190 0 3,008	6 0 33 0 16	98 9 331 4 803	25 0 31 1 46	0 0 1 0	0	0 0 0 0	0	48,501 17,506 215,217 862 535,071
Archer City Arcola Argyle Arlington Arp	12 12 12 12 12	1,810 1,232 3,395 371,038 952	50 3,134 2,746 119,684 1,440	0 0 2 6,879 3	20 131 455 11,033 27	0 12 24 6,279 37	50 3,366 2,665 61,907 1,098	2 0 4 2,641 3	22 67 378 5,472 17	0 5 11 4,094 14	0 0 37 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 12 1 0	0 1 0 0	13,279 473,831 470,058 15,601,605 198,654
Athens Atianta Aubrey Aurora Austin	12 12 12 12 12	12,260 5,513 2,651 1,010 743,074	1,929 1,555 727 16 239,816	21 0 0 0 145,520	701 190 157 309 24,418	201 139 23 4 13,739	1,975 1,499 738 10 195,182	17 0 0 0 150,428	663 148 125 121 22,582	170 95 6 2 8,845	6 1 10 0 11	0 0 0 0 50	6 0 0 5	0 0 0 3	331,262 138,812 103,835 0 31,858,393
Austin Community Avinger Azie Baird Baich Springs	12 12 12 12 12	743,074 442 11,164 1,663 19,963	0 20 2,536 187 10,741	0 0 36 1 100	3,377 0 1,481 46 4,386	6,267 0 142 13 450	0 4 2,584 135 7,743	0 0 70 1 84	3,506 0 1,182 19 2,625	5,200 0 123 6 267	0 0 0 2 0	0 0 0	0 0 0 1	0 0 0	0 732 471,003 28,907 1,551,773
Balcones Heights Ballinger Bandera Bangs Bardwell	12 12 12 12 12	2,976 3,774 1,208 1,594 631	6,487 399 617 422 460	37 0 0 0	993 231 167 105 7	104 66 78 5 5	4,931 489 559 356 274	45 0 0 0	548 95 108 92 2	51 40 68 5 4	14 5 4 1 0	0 0 0 0	0 2 5 2 0	0 0 0	669,491 75,267 71,266 86,816 41,799

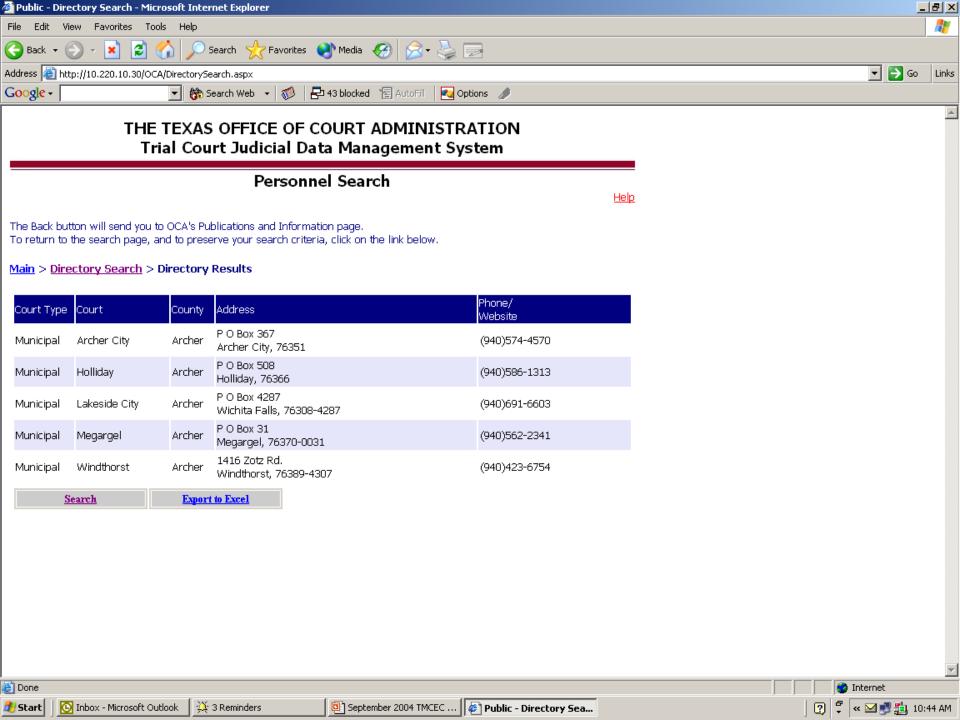
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Court Case Management Software

8 products on state contract:

http://www.dir.state.tx.us/store/ busops/softwaresubjects.htm

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