# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 14-<u>9197</u>

# APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS, VERSION 1.4, SET BY THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### **ORDERED** that:

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby approves the attached Technology Standards, Version 1.4, set by the Judicial Committee on Information Technology. These standards apply to documents filed electronically under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21 and Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.

Dated: October 14, 2014.

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# **TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS**

# JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Version 1.4

Released: October 14, 2014

#### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose

Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 77, Section 77.031, this document delineates standards for the technological needs of the judicial system. This document is approved by the Judicial Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) that was created by the 74<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature. Changes to this document are effective 90 days after adoption and publication by the JCIT.

#### 1.2 VERSIONS

Version	Action	Release Date
1.0	Initial Draft	April 11, 2012
1.1	Added Audio/Video Standards	July 25, 2012
1.2	Added eFiling Filing Types	November 12, 2013
1.3	Added additional eFiling Types	March 21, 2014
1.4	Added standards for Additional Services; Removed	October 14, 2014
	Digital Signature standard (covered in rules);	
	Various changes to other standards	

#### 1.3 DEFINITIONS

**Attachment** – any unique supporting document including exhibits and proposed orders that are not defined in Rule 21 (a) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

**Digital Media** - any files stored in an electronic format. This can include (but is not limited to) text, audio and video files.

**Document** – a pleading, plea, motion, application, request, exhibit, brief, memorandum of law, or other instrument in electronic form.

**DPI** – Dots per inch

**Lead Document** – a document as defined by Rule 21 (a) of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. If filing a single document, it is the lead document.

NARA - National Archives and Records Administration

**NIEM** – National Information Exchange Model – a partnership of the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services designed to develop, disseminate and support enterprise-wide information exchange standards and processes that can enable jurisdictions to effectively share critical information in emergency situations, as well as support the day-to-day operations of agencies throughout the nation. NIEM was adopted formally by JCIT and is promulgated in data exchanges in Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 8, Chapter 177.

**Electronic Court Filing (ECF) standards** - a set of non-proprietary extensible markup language (XML) and Web services specifications, along with clarifying explanations and amendments to those specifications that have been added for the purpose of promoting interoperability among electronic court filing vendors and systems.

**OCA** – Office of Court Administration

**OCR** – Optical Character Recognition

**PDF** – Portable Document Format – for the purpose of these standards this is PDF 1.4 (ISO 19005-1:2005 – Revised as ISP/NP 19005-1). This standard specifies how to use PDF for long-term preservation of electronic documents and is applicable to documents containing combinations of character, raster and vector data.

**PDF Software** – software that conforms to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 32000-1:2008. This standard specifies standards for creating (writing), reading, displaying and interacting with PDF documents.

JCIT - Judicial Committee on Information Technology

#### 1.4 References

- Apple QuickTime supported formats http://support.apple.com/kb/HT3775
- NIEM <a href="http://www.niem.gov">http://www.niem.gov</a>
- OASIS LegalXML Electronic Court Filing (ECF) specifications <a href="http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/legalxml-courtfiling/">http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/legalxml-courtfiling/</a>
- OASIS Digital Signature Services specifications <a href="http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/dss/">http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/dss/</a>
- VLC media player supported formats <a href="http://www.videolan.org/vlc/features.html">http://www.videolan.org/vlc/features.html</a>
- Windows media player supported formats http://support.microsoft.com/kb/316992

## 2 System Data Exchange Standards

In accordance with Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 8, Chapter 177, Information exchanges that occur between the various systems (electronic filing manager, case management, document management, etc.) should occur using the current OASIS LegalXML specifications. The OASIS LegalXML specification is a subset to NIEM.

## 3 DIGITAL MEDIA STANDARDS

In addition to content and formatting promulgated by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, the following standards apply to digital media filed electronically or scanned from source records (filed after the effective date of these standards) by the clerk.

#### 3.1 DOCUMENTS

- A. An e-filed document must be in text-searchable PDF, using fonts specified in the PDF specification, on 8.5x11 page size, with the content appropriately rotated.
- B. When possible, the document should be generated directly from the originating software using a PDF distiller.
- C. Prior to being filed electronically, a scanned document must have a resolution of 300 DPI. Preferably, scanned documents should be made searchable using OCR technology.

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- D. An e-filed document may not contain any security or feature restrictions including password protection or encryption and may not contain embedded multi-media video, audio, or programming.
- E. Documents may not contain package PDF's. PDF's should not be embedded inside of another PDF. Documents may not contain embedded fonts. Each Document must be a single PDF. An appellate court may require that multiple PDF documents be combined into a single PDF document and bookmarks used to separate content appropriately. The content of the document should not depend on bookmarks.
- F. Any e-filed document filename should contain only alphanumeric characters that are part of the Latin1\_General character set. No special characters are allowed and the length of the filename should be restricted to 50 characters.

#### 3.2 AUDIO/VIDEO

- A. When an audio/video file is natively supported by at least one media player listed in these standards, the file must not be converted into another format.
- B. If modifications are needed to enhance the native audio/video, a copy of the original must be made. The modified copy (submitted in addition to the original audio/video) must also be generated in a format supported by at least one media player listed in these standards.
- C. The following media players are supported (specific audio/video formats can be found on each media player's website):
  - a. QuickTime (Apple)
  - b.VLC media player (VideoLAN Organization)
  - c. Windows media player (Microsoft)

## 4 EFILING FILING CONFIGURATIONS

Below are the standard filing configurations to be used in the eFiling system for district, county court at law, probate, and county courts. This list of filing configurations must be accepted in each court. Courts and clerks may not add to this configuration, but may eliminate codes if not needed in a particular jurisdiction.

It is important to note that these standards only apply to the electronic filing system which is a delivery system and are NOT standards for a county case management or document management system.

# 4.1 CIVIL CASES

## 4.1.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes
Civil - Contract	Debt/Contract - Consumer/DTPA
	Debt/Contract - Debt/Contract
	Debt/Contract - Fraud/Misrepresentation
	Debt/Contract - Other
	Foreclosure - Home Equity-Expedited
	Foreclosure - Other
	Franchise
	Insurance
	Landlord/Tenant
	Non-Competition
	Partnership
	Other Contract
Civil - Employment	Discrimination
• •	Retaliation
	Termination
	Workers' Compensation
	Other Employment
Civil - Injury or Damage	Assault/Battery
, ,	Construction
	Defamation
	Malpractice - Accounting
	Malpractice - Legal
	Malpractice - Medical
	Malpractice - Other Professional Liability
	Motor Vehicle Accident
	Premises
	Product Liability - Asbestos/Silica
	Product Liability - Other
	Other Injury or Damage
Civil - Other Civil	Administrative Appeal
	Antitrust/Unfair Competition
	Bill of Review
	Code Violations
	Communicable Disease
	Foreign Judgment
	Fraudulent Liens
	Garnishment
	Intellectual Property
	Lawyer Discipline
	Occupational Driver's License
	Perpetuate Testimony
	Securities/Stock
	Tortious Interference

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	Toll Road
	Other Civil
Civil – Real Property	Condemnation
	Eminent Domain
	Partition
	Quiet Title
	Trespass to Try Title
	Other Property
Civil – Related to Criminal Matters	Expunction
	Judgment Nisi
	Non-Disclosure
	Seizure/Forfeiture
	Sexual Predator (Health & Safety Code 841)
	Writ of Habeas Corpus - Pre-indictment
	Other
Civil - Tax	Tax Appraisal
	Tax Delinquency
	Other Tax

## 4.1.2 FILING TYPES

New Case	Subsequent Filings
Affidavit of Indigency	Affidavit of Indigency
Application	Amended Filing
Petition	Answer/ Response
Transfer (County Use Only)	Bond
	Counter Claim/Cross Action/Intervention/Third
	Party
	Contest
	Filing of Action other than Original
	Garnishment
	Motion (No Fee)
	Motion for Contempt
	Motion for New Trial
	Motion to Modify
	Motion to Reinstate
	Motion to Terminate Wage Withholding
	Motion to Transfer
	Notice
	Notice of Appeal
	No Fee Documents
	Proposed Order
	Request

## 4.2 Family/Juvenile Cases

The Title IV-D Agency (Texas Office of the Attorney General – Child Support Division) will file its documents under the "Family/Juvenile - Title IV-D (OAG Use Only)" category and use only the case and filing types that begin with "(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) for all its new and subsequent filings.

#### 4.2.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes
Family/Juvenile - Marriage	Annulment with Children
Relationship	Annulment No Children
	Declare Marriage Void
	Divorce with Children
	Divorce No Children
Family/Juvenile - Other Family Law	Adult Adoption
	Register Foreign Judgment
	Garnishment
	Habeas Corpus
	Name Change
	Protective Order
	Removal of Disabilities of Minority
	Unaccompanied Alien Child
	Other
Family/Juvenile - Parent-Child	Adoption/Adoption with Termination
Relationship	Child Protection
	Child Protection (Gov. Code 24.620)
	Child Support
	Custody or Visitation
	Gestational Parenting
	Grandparent Access
	Parentage/Paternity/Voluntary Legitimation
	Termination of Parental Rights
	Other Parent-Child
Family/Juvenile - Post-judgment	Enforcement
Actions	Modification – Custody
	Modification – Other
Family/Juvenile - Title IV-D (OAG	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment
Use Only)	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate - No TX
	Cause
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate –
	Existing TX Cause
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Billed
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other - Not Billed
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents

## 4.2.2 FILING TYPES

New Case	Subsequent Filings
Affidavit of Indigency	Affidavit of Indigency
Application	Amended Filing
Petition	Answer/Contest/Response/Waiver
Transfer (County Use Only)	Bond
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only)	Counter Claim/Cross Action/Intervention/
Establishment	Third Party
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity	Motion (No Fee)
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate –	Motion for Contempt
No TX Cause	Motion for Enforcement
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate –	Motion for New Trial
Existing TX Cause	Motion to Modify
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement	Motion to Modify and Enforce
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention	Motion to Reinstate
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other –	Motion to Revoke/Suspend/Withhold
Billed	Motion to Stay
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other - Not	Motion to Terminate Wage Withholding
Billed	Motion to Transfer
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ	Notice
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service	Notice of Appeal
Documents	Notice of Delinquency
	No Fee Documents
	Proposed Order
	Request
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Establishment
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Paternity
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate – No TX
	Cause
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Interstate –
	Existing TX Cause
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Enforcement
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Intervention
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other - Billed
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Other – Not Billed
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Capias/Writ
	(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service Documents

## 4.2.3 PARTY TYPES

For each Title IV-D case type, the court will list one (1) Petitioner and two (2) Respondents as required party types.

## 4.3 PROBATE CASES

## 4.3.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes
Probate	Dependent Administration
	Independent Administration
	Foreign Will
	Muniment of Title/Letters Testamentary
	Other Estate Proceedings
	Small Estate Proceedings
	Open Safety Deposit Box
Probate - Guardianship	Guardianship - Adult
	Guardianship - Minor
	Guardianship Management Trust
	Sale of Property
Probate - Other	Other Probate
	Condemnation/Eminent Domain
	(Bexar/Denton/Travis County Only)

#### 4.3.2 FILING TYPES

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New Case	Subsequent Filings
Affidavit on Indigency	Affidavit on Indigency
Application	Amended Filing
Application with Ad Litem	Annual Account
Guardianship Information	Annual Report
Letter	Answer/Response
Petition	Application for Removal - Chapter 48
Will/Codicil	Application in an Existing Estate
Transfer (County Use Only)	Application on Sale of Personal Property
	Application on Sale of Real Property
	Bond
	Claim
	Counter Claim/Cross Action/Intervention/Third
	Party/Contest
	Final Account
	Final Report
	Inventory
	Inventory – (filed after the 90th day after the date the
	personal rep has qualified)
	Motion (No Fee)
	No Fee Documents
	Notice
	Oath
	Proposed Order
	Request
	Will/Codicil

# 4.4 Multi-District Litigation (MDL) Cases

## 4.4.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes
Multi-District Litigation (MDL)	MDL - Asbestosis
	MDL - GM Ignition Switch
	MDL - Hailstorm
	MDL - Hurricane Ike
	MDL - Product Liability

#### 4.4.2 FILING TYPES

New Case	Subsequent Filings
Affidavit of Indigency	Affidavit of Indigency
Application	Amended Filing
Petition	Answer /Response
Transfer (County Use Only)	Bond
	Counter Claim/Cross Action/Intervention/Third
	Party/Contest
	Motion (No Fee)
	Motion for Contempt
	Motion for Enforcement
·	Motion for New Trial
	Motion to Modify
	Motion to Reinstate
	Motion to Terminate Wage Withholding
	Motion to Transfer
	Notice
	Notice of Appeal
	No Fee Documents
	Proposed Order
	Request

## 4.5 CRIMINAL CASES

## 4.5.1 CASE CATEGORIES/TYPES

Case Category Code	Case Type Codes
Criminal - Misdemeanor	Appeal from a Lower Court
	Misdemeanor A
	Misdemeanor B
	Misdemeanor C
	Magistrate Case
	Writ - Other
	Writ – Habeas Corpus
Criminal – Felony	Appeal from a Lower Court
	Capital Felony
	Felony Indictment
	Felony Information
	Magistrate Case
	Writ – Other
	Writ – Habeas Corpus

## 4.5.1 FILING TYPES

New Case	Subsequent Filings
	Amended Filing
	Affidavit
	Application
	Bond
	Election as to Punishment
	Letters
	Motion
	Motion to Revoke Probation/Adjudicate Guilt
	Notice
	Other Documents Not Listed
	Pleas
	Proposed Order
	Request
	Report/Return
	Sanctions Toward Effective Probation (STEP)
	Statement of Facts Form
	Warrants
	Writs

## 4.6 OTHER STANDARD SYSTEM CONFIGURATIONS

#### 4.6.1 Acceptance of Documents Tendered for Filing

A clerk must accept a document tendered for e-filing unless specifically authorized not to accept the document(s) by statute or by the Rules of Civil Procedure for the reasons listed below.

Category	Reason	Authority
Sealed Documents	Documents filed under seal or presented to court <i>in camera</i> cannot be eFiled.	TRCP 21(f)(4)
Vexatious Litigant	Filer has been found to be a vexatious litigant and has not presented an order from the local administrative judge permitting the filing.	CPRC §11.103

#### 4.6.2 REQUEST FOR CORRECTION

A clerk may request a filer to correct an e-filed document only for the following reasons. The request must state the reason and reference any supporting authority as follows:

Category	Reason	Authority
Insufficient Fees	Fees submitted are insufficient. Please	TRCP 99(d)
	resubmit your filing with the correct case	and Gov't Code,
	type/filing type. <pre><pre>cype/filing type. <pre>cype/filing type</pre></pre></pre>	§51.318(b)(7)
	to what fees were not included>	and (8)
		Gov't Code
		§51.317(a)
		Local Gov't
		Code §118.052;
		§118.121; or
		§118.131
Insufficient Funds	Credit Card was declined. Please resubmit	TRCP 99(d)
	with a valid method of payment.	and Gov't Code,
		§51.318(b)(7)
		and (8)
		Gov't Code
		§51.317(a)
		Local Gov't
		Code §118.052;
		§118.121; or
		§118.131
Document Addressed	The document is addressed to a court for	
to Wrong Clerk	which this clerk's office does not accept	
	filings. Please correct or re-file with the	
I	appropriate clerk's office.	
Incorrect/Incomplete	Please resubmit using the correct	
Information	Cause number	
	Case Type	

	• Caca Catagory	
	• Case Category	
	Filing Code	
	<ul> <li>Party names on document(s)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Attorney/Party email address(es)</li> </ul>	
Incorrect Formatting	Please resubmit the document	TRCP 21 (f)(8)
	<ul> <li>By rotating the document so that the</li> </ul>	
	file mark will appear in the upper	
	corner	
	In text searchable PDF	
	<ul> <li>Directly converted to PDF if possible.</li> </ul>	
	With a 300dpi resolution	
	• With a page size of 8.5"x11"	
	With a page size of 0.5 XII     With no embedded fonts	
PDF Documents		1
	You have submitted multiple documents for	
Combined	filing in a single PDF. The file-mark will only	
	appear on documents submitted as lead	
	documents. Please file all lead documents as	
	separate PDF documents.	
Illegible/Unreadable	Please resubmit in a format that is legible.	
Sensitive Data	Please resubmit in five (5) business days	TRCP 21c (a-f)
	with all sensitive data redacted:	
	<ul> <li>DL, SSN, Passport Number, Tax ID</li> </ul>	NOTE:
	Number, Government Issued ID	Family
	Number	Code
	Bank Account Number, Credit Card	§102.008 and
	Number, Financial Account Number	§105.006
	Birth Date, Home Address and name	require
	of any person who was a minor when	identification of
	the suit was filed.	children by
	the suit was med.	name and DOB
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#### 4.6.3 Additional Services

A clerk may offer additional services as outlined in statute that are charged in addition to any filing fees. The following additional services are allowed to be offered in the eFiling system. A clerk may choose not to offer a particular service and eliminate it from their local configuration, however, a clerk may not add a service not shown below.

If a clerk chooses to provide additional services functionality, all of the services listed below beginning with (Title IV-D OAG Use Only) must be made available to the Title IV-D Agency. The Title IV-D Agency will use only these additional services.

Additional Service	Statute
Additional Plaintiffs (11-25)	Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(1)
Additional Plaintiffs (26-100)	Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(2)
Additional Plaintiffs (101-500)	Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(3)
Additional Plaintiffs (501-1000)	Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(4)
Additional Plaintiffs (1001+)	Government Code 51.317 (b-1)(5)

Additional Service	Statute
Adoptive Child BVS	Statute
Authenticated Certificate	Local Government Code 118.060
Bill of Cost	Local Government Code 118.001(c)
Bill of Cost	Government Code 51.319(3)
Bond Approval Fee	
Certificate Issuance	Government Code 51.318(b)(6)
	Local Government Code 118.060
Certificate of Name Change	Family Code 45.106(c) Local Government Code 118.060
Certificate of No Appeal	
Copies – Certified	Government Code 51.318(b)(4)
copies - certified	Local Government Code 118.011(3)(B)
Copies – Exemplified	Government Code 51.318(b)(7)
Copies - Exemplined Copies - Non-Certified	Government Code 51.519(3)
Copies - Non-Certified	Local Government Code 118.011(3)(C)
Conice Corrigo	Government Code 51.318(b)(8)
Copies - Service	Rules of Civil Procedure 99(a)
Document over 25 pages after 120 days	Local Government Code 118.052(2)(B)(vi)
Issue Abstract of Judgment	Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(i)
Issue Bench Warrant	Government Code 51.318 (b)(5)
issue Bench warrant	Local Government Code 118.059
Laura Carriag	Government Code 51.318 (b)(2)
Issue Capias	Local Government Code 118.059
I C: :	Government Code 51.318 (b)(2)
Issue Citation	Local Government Code 118.059
Issue Citation - Certified Mail	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
issue Citation - Certified Man	Local Government Code 118.059
Issue Citation - Publication	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
issue Citation - Fublication	Local Government Code 118.059 Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Citation – Registered Mail	Local Government Code 118.059
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Issue Citation – Secretary of State	Government Code 51.318(b)(2) Local Government Code 118.059
issue Citation – Secretary of State	
	Government Code 405.031(a) Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.091
Issue Commission to Take Deposition	Local Government Code 118.059
Issue Expunction – Certified Mail	Code of Criminal Procedure 102.006(a)(2
issue Expunction - Certified Mail	and 3)
Issue Expunction – Electronic	Local Government Code 118.059
issue Expunction - Electronic	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Letter Rogatory	Local Government Code 118.011(c)
issue Letter Rogatory	Government Code 51.319(3)
Issue Letters Testamentary, Guardianship,	Local Government Code 118.052(3)(D)
or Administration	20001 GOVETIMENT GOUC 110.002(3)(D)
Issue Notice of Order Suspending License	Family Code 232.008(d)
Issue Order of Sale	Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii)
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Issue Order Staying Suspended License	Family Code 232.008(d)
Issue Order Vacating Suspended License	Family Code 232.006(d) Family Code 232.013(b)
Issue Precept	Local Government Code 118.059
issue i recept	Local dovernment code 110.037

Additional Service	Statute
	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Precept - Secretary of State	Local Government Code 118.059
	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Protective Order	Family Code 82.042
Issue Show Cause	Local Government Code 118.059
Issue Subpoena	Local Government Code 118.059
•	Government Code 51.318(b)(1)
Issue Summons	Code of Criminal Procedure 23.03(9)
Issue Tax Warrant	Local Government Code 118.059
Issue Temporary Restraining Order	Local Government Code 118.059
Issue Warrant	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Writ	Local Government Code 118.059
	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Writ - Secretary of State	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Writ of Attachment	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Writ of Execution	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Writ of Garnishment	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Writ of Scire Facias	Local Government Code 118.059
Issue Writ of Sequestration	Government Code 51.318(b)(2)
Issue Writ of Withholding	Family Code 110.004
Judge Signatures	Local Government Code 118.101(11)
Jury Fee	Rules of Civil Procedure 216
july ree	Government Code 51.604(a)
OPR Double Recording Fee 1st Page	Local Government Code 191.007
OPR Double Recording Fee for Additional	Local Government Code 191.007
Pages	Local dovernment code 191.007
OPR Recording Fee 1st Page	Local Government Code 118.013
OPR Recording Fee for Additional Pages	Local Government Code 118.013
Postage (1-5 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (6-10 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (16, 20 Pages)	
Postage (16-20 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (21-25 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
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Postage (36-40 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (41-45 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (46-50 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (51-150 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (151-1300 Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (1300+ Pages)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (1oz. Letter to Canada/Mexico)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (1oz Letter International)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Postage (Large APO/DPO/FPO Box)	Civil Practice and Remedies Code 17.025
Post Judgment – Issue Citation	Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii)
Post Judgment – Issue Citation – Certified	Local Government Code 118.052(1)(C)(ii)
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Service – Constable – Writ– (List writ type if   Local Government Code 118.131(a)
applicable) <sup>1</sup>
Service – Constable – All Other Local Government Code 118.131(a)
Service - Publication   Local Government Code 118.011(c)
Government Code 51.319(3)
Service – Registered Mail   Local Government Code 118.063
Government Code 51.319(2)
Service – Sheriff – Order of Sale Local Government Code 118.131(a)
Service – Sheriff – Personal Service Local Government Code 118.131(a)
Service – Sheriff - Posting Local Government Code 118.131(a)
Service – Sheriff – Publication Local Government Code 118.131(a)
Service – Sheriff – Subpoena – More than Local Government Code 118.131(a)
five days
Service – Sheriff – Subpoena – Less than five Local Government Code 118.131(a)
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applicable) <sup>2</sup>

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  Local Government Code 118.131(a) allows a commissioners court to set fees for the services of sheriffs and constables. In instances where the commissioners court sets different amounts for different types of writs, clerks may designate the type of writ and have multiple "Service-Constable-Writ" services available.

Additional Service	Statute
Service - Sheriff - All Other	Local Government Code 118.131(a)
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance	Family Code 231.202(1)
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance	Rules of Civil Procedure 106
- TRCP R 106 Sub Service	
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance	Rules of Civil Procedure 116
- Publication	
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance	Family Code 231.202(4)(A)
- Certified Mail	
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Precept Issuance	Family Code 231.202(1)
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Precept Issuance	Rules of Civil Procedure 106
- TRCP R 106 Sub Service	
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Precept Issuance	Family Code 231.202(1)
- Publication	
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Precept Issuance	Family Code 231.202(4)(A)
- Certified Mail	
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Subpoena	Family Code 231.202(6)
Issuance by Clerk	
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Service of Process	Family Code 231.202(4)(A)
through Law Enforcement	
(Title IV-D OAG Use Only) Citation Issuance	Rules of Civil Procedure 106
- TRCP R 106 Sub Service	

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