

# Centers of Excellence: A Judicial Branch Performance Initiative Compliance Standards

The following standards will be used as benchmarks for measuring a jurisdiction's compliance with critical administrative requirements.

## Judicial Council Trial Court Activity Reports, Appointments and Fees Reports, and Other Reports

- Responsible entity has submitted all reports to OCA over the past 12 months.
  - Compliance will be confirmed by OCA's Judicial Information staff and OCA Court Services staff.

## Court Security Incident Reports

- Responsible entity has submitted all reports to OCA over the past 12 months.
  - Compliance will be confirmed by OCA's Court Security Director.

## Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) Required Plans and Reports

- Responsible entity has submitted an indigent defense expenditure report and an indigent defense plan that meets the minimum requirements established by TIDC.
  - Compliance will be confirmed by TIDC staff.

## Court Collections Related Requirements

- Court/Collections Improvement Program/county/municipality has passed an audit since the amended Texas Judicial Council Collections Improvement Program rules went into effect on 1/1/17.
  - Compliance will be confirmed by OCA's Collection Improvement Program Audit staff.
- The court must be in compliance with changes to the Code of Criminal Procedure as provided for in SB 1913, 85th Legislature Regular Session.
  - Compliance will be confirmed by OCA's Court Services staff.

## Appointment Processes and Guardianship Compliance

- Courts must comply with requirements relating to the maintenance of a list of individuals who are qualified or registered to serve as an attorney ad litem, a guardian ad litem, a mediator, or a professional guardian, and with requirements relating to the appointment of these individuals through the use of a rotation system.
  - Compliance will be confirmed by OCA's Judicial Information staff and Court Services staff.
- If applicable, the court must participate in the Guardianship Compliance Project and act to implement any recommendations.
  - Compliance will be confirmed by OCA's Guardianship Compliance Program staff.

U.S. Constitution, Texas Constitution and Statutes, Court Rules and Orders

- Participating judge(s) will review and acknowledge compliance with the above by signing the following statement:

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

I certify that to the best of my knowledge my court is making reasonable and good faith efforts to operate in a manner consistent with applicable local, state, and federal authority relating to court administration.

**Judge Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Court:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_