

STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION

of the

TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Public Trust and Confidence Committee Centers of Excellence Recommendation

WHEREAS, the Texas Judicial Council is the policymaking body for the Texas Judicial Branch, created under Chapter 71, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council is charged with improving the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, the Public Trust and Confidence Committee is charged with studying ways to expand, improve, and strengthen the Centers of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Centers of Excellence Performance Initiative launched in 2016 to identify, support, and highlight excellent work done by courts across Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative is aligned with recognized standards of court performance measurement and management, is supportive of local innovation and priorities, and is open to any Texas court; and

WHEREAS, courts recognized as Centers of Excellence serve as model institutions for the judiciary and act as best-practices resources to peer courts for high-quality court administration; and

WHEREAS, the Centers of Excellence Initiative evaluates courts on four performance areas and five compliance areas, and the path to designation is rigorous; and

WHEREAS, there are currently eight recognized Centers of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, merit payments for jurists whose courts are recognized as a Center of Excellence will encourage other courts to aim toward designation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Judicial Council recommends that the Legislature fund merit payments for jurists whose courts are recognized as a Center of Excellence.

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Honorable Nathan L. Hecht
Chair, Texas Judicial Council