ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024



OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL MEGAN LAVOIE

Administrative Director

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OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

Megan LaVoie Administrative Director

October 18, 2024

The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas The Honorable Glenn Hegar, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board Lisa Collier, State Auditor

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit the Annual Financial Report of the Office of Court Administration for the year ended August 31, 2024, in compliance with Texas Government Code Annotated §2101.011 and in accordance with the requirements established by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Due to the statewide requirements embedded in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, the Comptroller of Public Accounts does not require the accompanying annual financial report to comply with all the requirements in this statement. The financial report will be considered for audit by the state auditor as part of the audit of the State of Texas *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR); therefore, an opinion has not been expressed on the financial statements and related information contained in this report.

If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Rodriguez or Sandra Dodd at 512-463-1625. You may also contact them for questions related to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Henry

Jennifer Henry Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit I — Combined Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position — Governmental Funds August 31, 2024

	General Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Governmental Funds Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note 3)			
Cash in Bank	\$ 9,000.00		\$ 9,000.00
Cash in State Treasury	58,661,057.95	17,746.13	58,678,804.08
Legislative Appropriations	77,673,527.47		77,673,527.47
Receivables from:			
Accounts			
Due From Other Funds (Note 12)	4 055 007 00		4 055 007 00
Due From Other Agencies	1,355,637.09	1.04	1,355,637.09
Interfund Receivable (Note 12) Total Current Assets	27,446.91 137,726,669.42	1.04	27,447.95 137,744,416.59
Non-Current Assets:	137,720,009.42	17,747.17	137,744,410.39
Capital Assets (Note 2):			
Depreciable or Amortizable, Net			
Other Non-Current Assets			
Total Non-Current Assets	-	-	-
Total Assets	137,726,669.42	17,747.17	137,744,416.59
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES A		6	
Current Liabilities:	AND FUND BALANCE	5	
Payables from:			
Accounts	14,671,977.94	2,800.98	14,674,778.92
Payroll	2,911,003.36	_,	2,911,003.36
Interest			-
Due To Other Funds			-
Due To Other Agencies	185,739.71		185,739.71
Interfund Payable (Note 12)	27,447.95		27,447.95
Employees' Compensable Leave (Note 5)			-
Right to Use Subscription Obligations (Note 5, 8)	(10,005,05)		-
Other Current Liabilities Total Current Liabilities	(10,825.25) 17,785,343.71	2.800.98	(10,825.25) 17,788,144.69
Non-Current Liabilities:	17,765,545.71	2,000.90	17,700,144.09
Employees' Compensable Leave (Note 5)			
Right to Use Subscription Obligations (Note 5, 8)			
Total Non-Current Liabilities	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	17,785,343.71	2,800.98	17,788,144.69
Fund Financial Statement			
Fund Balances (Deficits):			
Restricted	-	14,946.19	14,946.19
Committed	51,689,434.12		51,689,434.12
Unassigned Total Fund Balances	68,251,891.59 \$ 119,941,325.71	\$ 14,946.19	68,251,891.59 \$ 119,956,271.90
Total Fullu Balances	ə 119,941,525./1	\$ 14,540.15	\$ 119,950,271.90
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and			
Fund Balances	\$ 137,726,669.42	\$ 17.747.17	\$ 137,744,416.59
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Government-Wide Statement of Net Position			
Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets			
Unrestricted			
Total Net Position			

Exhibit I. The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit I — Combined Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position — Governmental Funds August 31, 2024

Capital Assets Adjustments	Long-Term Liabilities Adjustments	Other Adjustments	Statement of Net Position
			\$ 9,000.00
			58,678,804.08
			77,673,527.47
			-
			-
			1,355,637.09 27,447.95
-	-	-	137,744,416.59
57,464,835.14			57,464,835.14
			-
57,464,835.14	-	-	57,464,835.14
57,464,835.14	-	-	195,209,251.73
			44.074.770.00
			14,674,778.92 2,911,003.36
	345,502.09		345,502.09
	,		-
			185,739.71
	1,878,692.18		27,447.95 1,878,692.18
	21,152,602.54		21,152,602.54
	-		(10,825.25)
-	23,376,796.81	-	41,164,941.50
	2,236,729.34		2,236,729.34
	41,165,596.62		41,165,596.62
-	43,402,325.96	-	43,402,325.96
-	66,779,122.77	-	84,567,267.46
			14,946.19
			51,689,434.12
			68,251,891.59
-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,956,271.90

\$ 57,464,835.14		\$	57,464,835.14
	(66,779,122.77)		(66,779,122.77)
\$ 57,464,835.14	\$ (66,779,122.77) \$	- \$	110,641,984.27

Exhibit I. The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit II - Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances/ Statement of Activities Position—Governmental Funds

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

Net Position, September 1, 2023, as Restated

Net Position, August 31, 2024

		General Funds	-	ial Revenue Funds	Governmental Funds Total
REVENUES					
Legislative Appropriations					
Original Appropriations (GR)	\$	101,560,248.84	\$	_	\$ 101,560,248.84
Additional Appropriations (GR)	Ψ	3,764,966.90	Ψ		3,764,966.90
Federal Grant Pass-Through Revenue (GR)		15,011,741.69		_	15,011,741.69
State Grant Pass-Through Revenue (GR)		17,532.49			17,532.49
License, Fees & Permits (PR)		69,530,326.97		70,176.63	69,600,503.60
Interest and Other Investment Income (GR)		152.05		10,110.00	152.05
Sales of Goods and Services (PR)		399,264.34			399,264.34
Other (PR - Chg for Serv, Operating or Capital)		5,873,840.83		_	5,873,840.83
Total Revenues		196,158,074.11		70,176.63	196,228,250.74
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EXPENDITURES		07 007 405 00		10 005 10	
Salaries and Wages		27,027,105.88		49,325.13	27,076,431.01
Payroll Related Costs		7,203,198.55		10,426.76	7,213,625.31
Professional Fees and Services		1,733,345.89		526.00	1,733,871.89
Travel		615,411.43		7,904.74	623,316.17
Materials and Supplies		988,002.67		1,716.98	989,719.65
Communication and Utilities		2,050,870.80		7,079.75	2,057,950.55
Repairs and Maintenance		1,965,622.74		-	1,965,622.74
Rentals and Leases		37,147.23		308.42	37,455.65
Printing and Reproduction		4,808.19		570.00	5,378.19
State Grant Pass-Through Expenditures		175,065.73		-	175,065.73
Intergovernmental Payments		39,553,188.65		-	39,553,188.65
Public Assistance Payments		15,856,000.64		-	15,856,000.64
Other Expenditures		9,912,794.46		8,817.31	9,921,611.77
Debt Service:		21 254 247 61			21 254 247 61
Principal- SBITA Interest		21,254,247.61		-	21,254,247.61
Capital Outlay		- 83,987.00		_	- 83,987.00
Depreciation and Amortization Expense		00,007.00			00,007.00
Total Expenditures/Expenses		128,460,797.47		86,675.09	128,547,472.56
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under)		120,400,707.47		00,070.00	120,047,472.00
Expenditures		67,697,276.64		(16,498.46)	67,680,778.18
		01,001,210.01		(10,100.10)	01,000,110.10
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Sale of Capital Assets		-			
Transfer In		1,963,581.62			1,963,581.62
Transfer Out		(5,366,228.16)			(5,366,228.16)
Increase in Obligations - Subscriptions					
Legislative Transfer In					
Legislative Transfer Out					
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(3,402,646.54)			(3,402,646.54)
Net Change in Fund Balances/Net Position		64,294,630.10		(16,498.46)	64,278,131.64
Fund Financial Statement - Fund Balances		. , .			
Fund Balances, September 1, 2023		57,392,002.71		31,444.65	57,423,447.36
Restatements		-		-	-
Fund Balances, September 1, 2023, as Restated		57,392,002.71		31,444.65	57,423,447.36
Appropriations Lapsed		(1,745,307.10)		-	(1,745,307.10)
Fund Balances, August 31, 2024	\$	119,941,325.71	\$	14,946.19	\$ 119,956,271.90
Government-Wide Statement of Net Position					
Net Position/Net Change in Net Position					\$ 119,956,271.90
Net Position, September 1, 2023					÷,,
Restatements					
Not Desition Contembor 1, 2022, as Restated					

\$ 119,956,271.90

Exhibit II. The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Exhibit II — Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures & Changes in Fund Balances/ Statement of Activities Position—Governmental Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

Capital Assets Adjustments	Long-Term Liabilities	Other Adjustments	Statement of Activities
Aujustments	Adjustments	Aujustments	Activities
\$-	\$-	\$ -	\$ 101,560,248.84
			3,764,966.90
			15,011,741.69
			17,532.49
			69,600,503.60
			152.05
			399,264.34 5,873,840.83
		-	196,228,250.74
			190,220,230.74
	412,370.17		27,488,801.18
	,		7,213,625.31
			1,733,871.89
			623,316.17
			989,719.65
			2,057,950.55
			1,965,622.74
			37,455.65
			5,378.19
			175,065.73
			39,553,188.65
			15,856,000.64
			9,921,611.77
	(21,254,247.61)		-
(22 404 04)	(160,364.55)		(160,364.55)
(33,401.04) 20,597,388.27			50,585.96 20,597,388.27
20,563,987.23	(21,002,241.99)	-	128,109,217.80
20,303,907.23	(21,002,241.99)	-	120,109,217.00
(20,563,987.23)	21,002,241.99	-	68,119,032.94
			- 1,963,581.62
			(5,366,228.16)
			-
			-
	-	-	(3,402,646.54)
			64,716,386.40
			57,423,447.36
			57,423,447.36
			(1,745,307.10)
			\$ 120,394,526.66
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\$ (20,563,987.23)	\$ 21,002,241.99	\$ -	\$ 120,394,526.66
78,028,822.37	(87,781,364.76)	_	(9,752,542.39)
78,028,822.37	(87,781,364.76)		(9,752,542.39)
\$ 57,464,835.14	\$ (66,779,122.77)	\$ -	\$ 110,641,984.27
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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Entity

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) is an agency of the state of Texas and its financial records comply with state statutes and regulations. This includes compliance with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' *Reporting Requirements for Annual Financial Reports of State Agencies and Universities*.

The OCA of the Texas Judicial System was created by the Sixty-fifth Legislature, which authorized the Office to operate in conjunction with the existing Texas Judicial Council. This legislation established a multi-purpose agency to operate under the supervision of the Texas Supreme Court. The OCA and the Texas Judicial Council, a blended component unit, and their respective duties are discussed in detail in the Addendum to this report.

The OCA has identified no discrete component units which require disclosure.

Due to the statewide requirements embedded in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, the Comptroller of Public Accounts does not require the accompanying annual financial report to comply with all the requirements in this statement. The financial report is considered for audit by the state auditor as part of the audit of the state's *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)*; therefore, an opinion has not been expressed on the financial statements and related information contained in this report.

Fund Structure

The accompanying financial statements are presented on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity.

Governmental Fund Types and Government-wide Adjustment Fund Types

General Revenue Funds

The general revenue fund (appropriation fund 0001) is used to account for all financial resources of the state except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The Fair Defense Fund (appropriated fund 5073) is used by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) to provide financial and technical support to counties to develop and maintain quality, cost-effective indigent defense systems.

The Statewide Electronic Filing System Fund (appropriated fund 5157) is appropriated to the OCA to support the statewide electronic filing technology system, the public safety reporting system, and the uniform case management systems for the courts in Texas.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the:

- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act
- CARES Act for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which provides budgetary relief to higher education institutions through numerous provisions.

The act provides economic grants to offset some additional expenses and forgone revenue as a result response to COVID-19. The Coronavirus Relief Fund (0325) derives its financing from a COVID-19 grant and is used to offset expenses resulting from responses to COVID-19 at the local jurisdiction level statewide.

Special Revenue Funds

Texas Forensic Science Commission Special Revenue Fund (appropriated fund 5173) is to provide for the administration and enforcement of forensic analyst licensing, crime lab accreditation, and other forensic programs.

Capital Assets Adjustment Fund Type

The capital assets adjustment fund (appropriated fund 0998) is used to convert capital assets from modified accrual to full accrual basis for all governmental fund types.

Long-Term Liabilities Adjustment Fund Type

The long-term liabilities adjustment fund (appropriated fund 0997) is used to convert debt from modified accrual to full accrual basis for all governmental fund types.

Fiduciary Fund Types

Agency Funds

Agency funds are used to account for assets held temporarily on the behalf of other government entities, and/or other funds. These funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Component Units

The OCA operates in conjunction with the Texas Judicial Council as a blended component unit. Additional information regarding the relationship between OCA and the Council can be found in Note 19.

Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting determines when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts reported in the financial statements. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

Governmental fund types are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis, revenues are recognized in the period that they become both measurable and available to finance operations of the fiscal year or liquidate liabilities existing at fiscal year-end.

The state of Texas considers receivables collected within 60 days after year-end to be available and recognizes them as revenues of the current year for fund financial statements prepared on the modified accrual basis. Expenditures and other uses of financial resources are recognized when the related liability is incurred.

Basis conversion adjustment fund types convert modified accrued basis to full accrued basis of accounting. The following activities are recognized in these fund types:

- Capital assets
- Accumulated depreciation
- Unpaid employee compensable leave
- The outstanding debt service principal on long-term liabilities
- Leases and subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs)
- Long-term claims and judgments
- Full accrual revenues and expenses
- Pension amounts in governmental activities

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budget is prepared biennially and represents appropriations authorized by the legislature and approved by the governor (the General Appropriations Act). Unencumbered appropriations are generally subject to lapse 60 days after fiscal year-end for which they were appropriated. If the authority exists within the biennium, the unexpended balance of appropriation year one is transferred forward to year two.

Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances/Net Position

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Short-term highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less are considered cash equivalents.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories include both merchandise inventories on hand for sale and consumable inventories. Inventories are valued at cost, generally using the last-in, first-out method. The consumption method of accounting is used to account for inventories and prepaid items that appear in governmental fund types. The cost of these items is expensed when the items are used or consumed.

Capital and Intangible Assets

Assets that meet the reporting threshold and useful life are capitalized. The capitalization threshold and the estimated useful life vary depending on the asset type. These assets are capitalized at cost, or if not purchased, at appraised fair value as of the date of acquisition. Purchases of assets by governmental funds are reported as expenditures. Depreciation is reported on all "exhaustible" assets and are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset using the straight-line method.

For SBITAs, the agency capitalizes in accordance with GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, for all SBITA agreements with a net present value of future subscription payments per contract exceeding \$500,000.

Other Receivables - Current and Non-Current

The disaggregation of receivables as reported in the financial statements is disclosed in Note 24 if required.

Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts payable represents the liability for the value of assets or services received at the balance sheet date for which payment is pending.

Employees' Compensable Leave Balances

Employees' compensable leave balances represent the liability that becomes "due" upon the occurrence of relevant events such as resignations, retirements, and uses of leave balances by covered employees. Liabilities are reported separately as either current or noncurrent in the statement of net position.

SBITA Liabilities - Right to Use Subscriptions

A subscription liability is measured at the present value of payments, based on a contract, to be made during the subscription term. The state, as a subscriber, will reduce the subscription liability as payments are made and recognize an outflow of resources for interest on the liability. The subscription liability is split into current and noncurrent portions. Additional information is available in Note 8 Leases and SBITAs.

Fund Balances/Net Position

"Fund balance" is the difference between assets and liabilities on the governmental fund statements. "Net position" is the difference between assets and liabilities on the government-wide fund statements.

The OCA uses resources in the following order:

- When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, use:
 - 1. restricted resources
 - 2. unrestricted resources (as they are needed)
- When only unrestricted resources are available for use in governmental funds, use:
 - 1. committed resources
 - 2. assigned resources
 - 3. unassigned resources

Fund Balance Components

Fund balances for governmental funds are classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned in the fund financial statements.

Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts not available to be spent because they are either not in a spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance includes those resources that have constraints placed on their use through external parties or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed through legislation passed into law by a formal action of the Texas Legislature, the state's highest level of decision making authority.

Assigned fund balance includes amounts constrained by the state's intent to be used for specific purposes, but the constraints do not meet the requirements to report as restricted or committed. Intent is expressed by either the Texas Legislature or by a body (for example, a budget or finance committee) or official to which the governing body has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that was not restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

Net Invested in Capital Assets

Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bond, notes, and other debt that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted Net Assets

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors and the like or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position

Unrestricted net position consists of net resources that do not meet the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources that are imposed by management but can be removed or modified.

Interfund Activities and Transactions

The agency has the following types of transactions among funds:

- (1) Transfers Legally required transfers that are reported when incurred as "transfers in" by the recipient fund and as "transfers out" by the disbursing fund.
- (2) Reimbursements Reimbursements are repayments from funds responsible for expenditures or expenses to funds that made the actual payment. Reimbursements of expenditures made by one fund for another that are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as a reduction of expenditures in the reimbursed fund. Reimbursements are not displayed in the financial statements.
- (3) Interfund receivables and payables Interfund loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables. If repayment is due during the current year or soon thereafter, the balance is classified as "current". Balances for repayment due in two (or more) years are classified as "noncurrent".
- (4) Interfund Sales and Purchases Charges or collections for services rendered by one fund to another that are recorded as revenues of the recipient fund (interfund services provided) and expenditures or expenses of the disbursing fund (interfund services used).

The composition of the agency's interfund activities and transactions are presented in Note 12.

Note 2: Capital Assets

A summary of changes in Capital Assets and Intangible Right to Use (RTU) for the year ended August 31, 2024, is presented below:

				Reclassification	S			
Capital Asset Type	Balance 9/1/2023	Adjustments	Completed CIP	Inc-Int'agy Trans	Dec-Int'agy Trans	Additions	Deletions	Balance 8/31/2024
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES								
Depreciable Assets								
Furniture and Equipment	\$1,706,314.20					\$33,401.04		\$1,739,715.24
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:								
Furniture and Equipment	(\$1,639,124.24)					(\$6,620.06)		(\$1,645,744.30
Depreciable Assets, Net	\$67,189.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,780.98	\$0.00	\$93,970.94
Intangible Capital Assets - Amortizable								
Computer Software	\$3,736,169.37							\$3,736,169.37
Less Accumulated Amortization for:								
Computer Software	(\$3,736,169.37)							(\$3,736,169.37
Total Accumulated Amortization	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amortizable Assets, Net	\$67,189.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,780.98	\$0.00	\$93,970.94
Intangible Right to Use (RTU) Assets -								
Amortizable								
Subscription Assets	\$98,552,400.61							\$98,552,400.61
Less Accumulated Amortization for:								
Subscription Assets	(\$20,590,768.20)					(\$20,590,768.21)		(\$41,181,536.41
Amortizable RTU Assets, Net	\$77,961,632.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$20,590,768.21)	\$0.00	\$57,370,864.20
Governmental Activities Capital Assets,	\$78,028,822.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$20,563,987.23)	\$0.00	\$57,464,835.14

Note 3: Deposits, Investments, & Repurchase Agreements

The Office of Court Administration is not authorized by statute to make any type of investments. Therefore, there were no violations of legal provisions during the period.

Deposits of Cash in Bank

As of August 31, 2024, the carrying amount of deposits was \$9,000.00 for Cash in Bank as presented below.

Governmental and Business-Type Activities CASH IN BANK – CARRYING VALUE	\$9,000.00
Less: Certificates of Deposit included in carrying value and reported as Cash Equivalent	0.00
Less: Un-invested Securities Lending Cash Collateral included in carrying amount and reported as Securities Lending Collateral	0.00
Less: Securities Lending CD Collateral included in carrying value and reported as Securities Lending Collateral	0.00
Cash in Bank per AFR	\$9,000.00
Governmental Funds Current Assets Cash in Bank	\$9,000.00
Fiduciary Funds Cash in Bank not applicable to the Office of Court Administration	N/A
Discrete Component Unit Cash in Bank not applicable to the Office of Court Administration	N/A

The agency's cash in bank balance is not subject to custodial credit risk or foreign currency.

Investments, Reverse Repurchase Agreements, Securities Lending, and Derivatives Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.

Note 4: Short-Term Debt

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 5: Summary of Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended August 31, 2024, the following changes occurred in liabilities.

Governmental Activities	Balance 9/1/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 8/31/2024	Amounts Due Within One Year	Amounts Due Thereafter
Employee's Compensable Leave	\$3,703,051.35	\$2,352,680.67	\$1,940,310.50	\$4,115,421.52	\$1,878,692.18	\$2,236,729.34
Right to Use Subscription Obligations	\$83,572,446.77	\$0.00	\$21,254,247.61	\$62,318,199.16	\$21,152,602.54	\$41,165,596.62
Total Governmental Activities	\$87,275,498.12	\$2,352,680.67	\$23,194,558.11	\$66,433,620.68	\$23,031,294.72	\$43,402,325.9 6

Employees' Compensable Leave

If a state employee had continuous employment with the state for at least six months, the state employee is entitled to be paid for all unused vacation time accrued in the event of the employee's resignation, dismissal or separation from state employment.

Expenditures for accumulated annual leave balances are recognized in the period paid or taken in governmental fund types. For these fund types, the liability for unpaid benefits is recorded in the statement of net position. Both an expense and a liability for business-type activities are recorded in the proprietary funds as the benefits accrue to employees. No liability is recorded for non-vesting employees accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits. This obligation is usually paid from the same funding source(s) from which the employee's salary or wage compensation was paid.

Right to Use Subscription Obligations

The agency has entered into subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA) for the right to use (RTU) another party's software for a specified period of time. The table above presents the corresponding liability while Note 2 presents the asset value assigned to the subscription arrangements. Note 8 discusses additional details related to the systems.

Note 6: Bonded Indebtedness

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 7: Derivative Instruments

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 8: Leases/SBITA

Included in the expenditures reported in the financial statements are the following amounts of IT based subscription fees paid under a noncancelable liability:

Fiscal 2024

Fund Type	Amount
Governmental Activities	\$23,535,462.13

The various systems related to the IT subscription agreements are discussed below. The agreements range in terms up to year 2027. In fiscal 2024, the total lease payments were \$23.5 million.

Electronic Filing System: Government Code, Section 72.031, added by the 83rd Leg., R.S. (HB 2302), authorized the OCA to implement an electronic filing system known as eFileTexas.gov, which is the official e-Filing system for Texas. The technology enables everyone access to our justice system. E-Filing is now mandatory for all attorneys filing civil, family, probate, or criminal cases in the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Courts of Appeals and all district and county courts. The contract was awarded to Tyler Technologies.

Public Safety Reporting System-AIMS (Bail Reform): Senate Bill 6 (87th 2nd Called Session) required OCA to implement a standardized public safety report system (PSRS) and requires magistrates who set bail for defendants charged with a Class B misdemeanor or higher category offense to consider a public safety report generated by the PSRS. The bill also requires any magistrate, judge, sheriff, peace officer, or jailer who sets bail under Chapter 17, Code of Criminal Procedure, for a defendant charged with a Class B misdemeanor or higher category offense to complete a bail form and to promptly (but no later than 72 hours) submit it to OCA through the PSRS. The contract was awarded to AutoMon.

MS Windows 365 Enterprise: Cloud-based office productivity services (Office365, Intune, Defender), Server cloud services (Azure), and on-premise, user-based Windows subscriptions.

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Primary Government									
	Governmental Activities								
Year	Principal	Interest	Total Future Min. Subscription Payments						
2025	\$21,152,602.54	\$1,614,013.17	\$22,766,615.71						
2026	\$21,803,394.55	\$983,121.00	\$22,786,515.55						
2027	\$19,362,202.07	\$360,208.92	\$19,722,410.99						
Totals	\$62,318,199.16	\$2,957,343.09	\$65,275,542.25						

Future Minimum Subscription Payments Year Ended Aug. 31, 2024

Note 9: Pension Plans

Not applicable to this agency

Note 10: Deferred Compensation

Not applicable to this agency.

Note11: Post Employment Health Care and Life Insurance Benefits

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 12: Interfund Activity and Transactions

As explained in Note 1 on Interfund Transactions and Balances, there are various types of transactions between funds and agencies. The OCA experienced routine transfers with other state agencies that were consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer. Repayment of interfund balances will occur within one year from the date of the financial statement.

Required Note 12 Presentation: Interfund Receivables and Payables – Current								
Current Portion	Current Interfund Receivable	Current Interfund Payable	Purpose					
GENERAL REVENUE (01)								
APPD Fund 0001, D23 0001	-	(1.04)	Expenditure Transfer					
APPD Fund 0325, D23 0325	-	(27,446.91)	Expenditure Transfer					
SPECIAL REVENUE (02)								
APPD Fund 5173, D23 5173	1.04		Expenditure Transfer					
GENERAL REVENUE (01)								
APPD Fund 0001, D23 0001	27,368.51	-	Expenditure Transfer					
APPD Fund 0001, D23 5157	78.40	-	Expenditure Transfer					
Total Interfund Receivable/Payable	27,447.95	(27,447.95)						

Individual balances and activity on August 31, 2024, follows:

Note 13: Continuance Subject to Review

The Office of Court Administration is not subject to Sunset review. However, the Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) created effective September 1, 2014, is subject to Sunset Review but may not be abolished. The review shall be conducted as if the Commission were scheduled to be abolished by September 1, 2029.

Note 14: Adjustments to Fund Balance/Net Assets

The agency had no adjustments to fund balance or net assets for this period.

Note 15: Contingencies and Commitments

The agency has no contingent liabilities or commitments at this time.

Note 16: Subsequent Events

HB 19 revamped the Texas court system for resolving business disputes by creating new trial and appellate courts with judges appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate. HB 19, effective September 1, 2023, applies only to actions commenced on or after September 1, 2024. During this fiscal year, OCA was tasked with establishing the new courts and is currently opening a registry account to hold funds in escrow. More business courts are anticipated at the end of 26-27 biennium, if authorized by the 89th Legislature.

With the enactment of SB 1045, the new Fifteenth Court of Appeals has exclusive intermediate appellate jurisdiction over appeals involving disputes brought by or against the State and its officers and challenges to the constitutionality of a state statute. It will also have exclusive jurisdiction to review judgments from Texas' business courts. OCA was also tasked with establishing the Fifteenth Court of Appeals during fiscal year, but as of September 1, 2024, this new appeals court will become a separate agency with OCA providing administrative support on a temporary basis.

Note 17: Risk Management

The agency has no probable risk of loss to report.

Note 18: Management Discussion and Analysis (Material Changes to AFR)

The agency has no material changes to report.

Note 19: The Financial Reporting Entity

The Financial Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements represent the Office of Court Administration and the Texas Judicial Council.

Individual Component Unit Disclosures - Blended Component Unit

Chapter 71 of the Government Code classifies the Texas Judicial Council as a "state agency", however; the Council is not appropriated any funds. The Office of Court Administration reimburses Council members for travel and other expenses while they are performing official duties, but they are not compensated for their services. The Addendum to this report outlines the duties of the Office of Court Administration and the Texas Judicial Council.

Note 20: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 21: N/A

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 22: Donor-Restricted Endowments

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 23: Extraordinary and Special Items

American Rescue Plan Act

During the 87(3) special session, SB 8 appropriated \$3 million to OCA out of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The bill also provided restoration of revenues lost from decreased criminal court costs due to the pandemic in the amount of \$13,492,466 to the Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC). TIDC's ARPA funds were transferred into the Fair Defense Account No. 5073. The funds are administered through a grant award through the Office of the Governor for the purpose of addressing the backlog in court cases. OCA is assisting local jurisdictions with tools and plans for tackling the court case backlogs across the state using methods such as implementation of best practices, assistance with streamlining virtual court hearings by utilizing Zoom, waiting room technology, online docket scheduling, and file uploading of case documents. TIDC will provide grants to public defenders for indigent defense services.

Note 24: Disaggregation of Receivable and Payable Balances

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 25: Termination Benefits

The agency does not have any termination benefits to report.

Note 26: Segment Information

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 27: Service Concession Arrangements

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 28: Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 29: Troubled Debt Restructuring

Not applicable to this agency

Note 30: Non-Exchange Financial Guarantees

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 31: Tax Abatements

Not applicable to this agency.

Note 32: Fund Balances

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Exhibit A-1 — Combining Balance Sheet— All General and Consolidated Funds August 31, 2024

	General Fund 1 (0001) U/F (0001)*	Consolidated Fund 1 (0001) U/F (5157)
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash in Bank	\$ 9,000.00	
Cash in State Treasury	1,344.75	41,748,164.82
Legislative Appropriations	77,673,527.47	
Receivables from:	4 000 400 40	
Due From Other Agencies	1,328,190.18	70.40
Interfund Receivable	27,368.51	78.40
Total Assets	79,039,430.91	41,748,243.22
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES A Liabilities Current Liabilities: Payables from: Accounts Payroll Due To Other Funds Due To Other Funds Due To Other Agencies Interfund Payable Funds Held For Others Other Current Liabilities Total Liabilities	7,912,165.29 2,886,198.24 1.04 (10,825.25)	5,326,091.66 24,805.12 -
lotal Liabilities	10,787,539.32	5,350,896.78
Fund Balances (Deficits): Committed Unassigned Total Fund Balances	- 68,251,891.59 68,251,891.59	36,397,346.44 - 36,397,346.44
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 79,039,430.91	\$ 41,748,243.22

*Includes U/F 8070 Child Support Deductions & 0980 Correction Acct-Direct Deposit

Exhibit A-1 — Combining Balance Sheet— All General and Consolidated Funds August 31, 2024

Consolidated Fund 2 (5073) U/F (5073)	Consolidated Fund 4 (0325) U/F (0325)	Total
\$- 16,911,534.77	13.61	\$ 9,000.00 58,661,057.95 77,673,527.47
	27,446.91	1,355,637.09 27,446.91
16,911,534.77	27,460.52	137,726,669.42
1,433,720.99		14,671,977.94 2,911,003.36
185,739.71	27,446.91	185,739.71 27,447.95 (10,825.25)
1,619,460.70	27,446.91	17,785,343.71
15,292,074.07	13.61	51,689,434.12 68,251,891.59
15,292,074.07	13.61	119,941,325.71
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\$ 16,911,534.77 \$	27,460.52	\$ 137,726,669.42

Exhibit B-1 — Combining Balance Sheet— Special Revenue Funds August 31, 2024

	Sp	ecial Revenue Fund 1 (5173) U/F (5173)	Totals
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	\$	17 746 12 0	17 746 12
Cash in State Treasury Receivables from:	φ	17,746.13 \$	17,746.13
Interfund Receivable		1.04	1.04
Other Current Assets			
Total Current Assets		17,747.17	17,747.17
Total Assets		17,747.17	17,747.17
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Liabilities Current Liabilities: Payables from: Accounts Interfund Payable Total Liabilities	AND	2,800.98 2,800.98	2,800.98 2,800.98
Fund Balances (Deficits):			
Restricted		14,946.19	14,946.19
Total Fund Balances		14,946.19	14,946.19
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and	\$	17,747.17 \$	17,747.17

Exhibit A-2 — Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances — All General and Consolidated Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 51, 2024	General Fund 1 (0001) U/F (0001)*	Consolidated Fund 2 (0001) U/F (5157)	Consolidated Fund 3 (5073) U/F (5073)	Consolidated Fund 4 (0325) U/F (0325)	Total
REVENUES					
Legislative Appropriations					
Original Appropriations (GR)	\$ 101,560,248.84	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	\$ 101,560,248.84
Additional Appropriations (GR)	3,764,966.90				3,764,966.90
Federal Grant Pass-Through Revenue (GR)	8,188,648.90			6,823,092.79	15,011,741.69
State Grant Pass-Through Revenue (GR)	17,532.49				17,532.49
License, Fees & Permits (PR)	22,728.51	34,290,354.01	35,217,244.45		69,530,326.97
Interest and Other Investment Income (GR)	152.05				152.05
Sales of Goods and Services (PR) Other (PR - Chg for Serv, Operating or Capital)	399,264.34 194,819.61		5,679,021.22		399,264.34 5,873,840.83
Total Revenues	114,148,361.64	34,290,354.01	40,896,265.67	6,823,092.79	196,158,074.11
EXPENDITURES	114,140,301.04	34,290,354.01	40,090,205.07	0,023,092.79	190,150,074.11
	24 096 067 77	235,078.58	1 554 402 62	251 555 01	27 027 105 99
Salaries and Wages Payroll Related Costs	24,986,067.77 6,611,526.71	235,078.58	1,554,403.62 453,881.20	251,555.91 68,032.45	27,027,105.88 7,203,198.55
Professional Fees and Services	1,465,176.89	215,646.00	2,424.00	50,099.00	1,733,345.89
Travel	563,196.55	213,040.00	51,896.70	292.12	615,411.43
Materials and Supplies	982,327.76	20.00	5,636.41	38.50	988,002.67
Communication and Utilities	687,215.42	575,176.44	15,070.11	773,408.83	2,050,870.80
Repairs and Maintenance	1,965,622.74	0.0,0			1,965,622.74
Rentals and Leases	34,966.96		2,193.88	(13.61)	
Printing and Reproduction	1,414.78		3,393.41	,	4,808.19
State Grant Pass-Through Expenditures			175,065.73		175,065.73
Intergovernmental Payments	6,654,969.49		32,898,219.16		39,553,188.65
Public Assistance Payments	15,718,985.88		137,014.76		15,856,000.64
Other Expenditures	666,100.33	2,288,136.78	1,278,891.37	5,679,665.98	9,912,794.46
Debt Service:					
Principal - Subscriptions	836,523.59	20,417,724.02			21,254,247.61
Capital Outlay	83,987.00	00 004 540 07		0.000.070.40	83,987.00
Total Expenditures	61,258,081.87	23,801,546.07	36,578,090.35	6,823,079.18	128,460,797.47
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	52,890,279.77	10,488,807.94	4,318,175.32	13.61	67,697,276.64
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Sale of Capital Assets					_
Transfers In	48,613.61	19,050.00	1,895,918.01		1,963,581.62
Transfers Out	(3,592.00)	(1,710,421.89)	(3,652,214.27)		(5,366,228.16)
Legislative Transfers In	(-)/	() -))	(-,, , , , , ,		-
Legislative Transfers Out					-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	45,021.61	(1,691,371.89)	(1,756,296.26)	-	(3,402,646.54)
Net Change in Fund Balances	52,935,301.38	8,797,436.05	2,561,879.06	13.61	64,294,630.10
Fund Financial Statement - Fund Balances					
Fund Balances, September 1, 2023	17,061,897.31	27,599,910.39	12,730,195.01	-	57,392,002.71
Restatements					-
Fund Balances, September 1, 2023, as Restated	17,061,897.31	27,599,910.39	12,730,195.01	-	57,392,002.71
Appropriations Lapsed	(1,745,307.10)	-	-	-	(1,745,307.10)
Fund Balances, August 31, 2024	\$ 68,251,891.59	\$ 36,397,346.44	\$ 15,292,074.07	\$ 13.61	\$ 119,941,325.71

Exhibit B-2 — Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances — Special Revenue Funds For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

		cial Revenue Fund 1 (5173)	
		U/F (5173)	Totals
REVENUES License, Fees & Permits (PR)	\$	70,176.63 \$	70,176.63
Sales of Goods and Services (PR) Total Revenues		70,176.63	70,176.63
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries and Wages		49,325.13	49,325.13
Payroll Related Costs		10,426.76	10,426.76
Professional Fees and Services		526.00	526.00
Travel		7,904.74	7,904.74
Materials and Supplies		1,716.98	1,716.98
Communication and Utilities		7,079.75	7,079.75
Repairs and Maintenance			-
Rentals and Leases		308.42	308.42
Printing and Reproduction		570.00	570.00
Other Expenditures		8,817.31	8,817.31
Total Expenditures		86,675.09	86,675.09
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under)			
Expenditures		(16,498.46)	(16,498.46)
Net Change in Fund Balances		(16,498.46)	(16,498.46)
Fund Financial Statement - Fund Balances			
Fund Balances, September 1, 2023 Restatements		31,444.65 -	31,444.65 -
Fund Balances, September 1, 2023, as Restated		31,444.65	31,444.65
Appropriations Lapsed	¢	-	-
Fund Balances, August 31, 2024	\$	14,946.19 \$	14,946.19

Schedule 1A – Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

				Pass-Through Fro	om			
FEDERAL GRANTOR/	FEDERAL	NSE Name/		State	Non-State	Direct	Total PT From	Total PT To and
PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR/	CFDA	Identifying	Agency	Agencies	Entities	Program	and Direct Prog.	Expenditures
PROGRAM TITLE	Number	Number	No.	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
U.S. Department of the Treasury								
Pass-Through From: COVID-19 - Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery F	unds							
Recovery Funds	21.027						6,823,092.79	6,823,092.79
Pass-Through From: Governor - Fiscal			300	6,823,092.79				
Totals - U.S. Department of the Treasury				6,823,092.79	0.00	0.00	6,823,092.79	6,823,092.79
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services								
Pass-Through From: Child Support Enhancement	93.563						8,026,364.48	8,026,364.48
Pass-Through From: Attorney General			302	8,026,364.48				
State Court Improvement Program Pass-Through From:	93.586						162,284.42	162,284.42
Supreme Court			201	162,284.42			102,204.42	102,204.42
Totals - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				8,188,648.90	0.00	0.00	8,188,648.90	8,188,648.90
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				15,011,741.69	0.00	0.00	15,011,741.69	15,011,741.69

NOTES TO SEFA:

Note 1 - Non-Monetary Assistance Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	
Note 2 - Reconciliation Per Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds: Federal Revenue Federal Pass-Through Revenue Total Federal Revenue and Federal Pass-Through Revenue	<u>15,011,741.69</u> 15,011,741.69
•	10,011,141.00
RECONCILING ITEMS: None	0.00
Total Pass-Through and Expenditures Per SEFA	15,011,741.69
Note 3a - Student Loans Processed and Administrative Cost Recov Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	rered
Note 3b - Federally Funded Loans Processed and Administrative C Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	osts Recovered
Note 4 - N/A	
Note 5 - Unemployment Insurance Funds Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	
Note 6 - Rebates for the Special Supplemental Food Program for V Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	Vomen, Infant & Children
Note 7 - Federal Deferred Revenue Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	
Note 8 - Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (CFDA 97.036) Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	
Note 9 - Economic Adjustment Assistance (CFDA 11.307) Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	
Note 10 - 10% de Minimis Indirect Cost Rate Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	
Note 11 - Donations from Federal Assistance Not applicable to the Office of Court Administration.	

Schedule 1B – Schedule of State Grant Pass-Throughs From/To State Agencies For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

Pass-through From	Grant ID	Agency Number	Amount
JCMH Technology Grant Supreme Court	201-24-069	201	 17,532.49 17,532.49
Total Pass-Through fro	om Other Agencies (Exhibit II):		\$ 17,532.49

Pass-through To	Grant ID	Agency Number	Amount
Caprock Regional Public Defender Office Texas Tech University	212.0001	733	<u> </u>
Total Pass-Through to Other	Agencies (Exhibit II)	:	\$ 175,065.73

Addendum

Organization and General Comments

Office of Court Administration

The Office of Court Administration (OCA) provides resources and information for the efficient administration of the Judicial Branch of Texas. The agency was created in 1977 and operates under the direction of the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

The duties of the OCA and its Administrative Director are set forth in Sections 72.011 - 72.027, Government Code, and include the following:

- 1. assist the justices and judges in discharging their administrative duties.
- 2. consult with the regional presiding judges and local administrative judges and assist them in discharging duties imposed by law or by a rule adopted by the supreme court.
- provide for the efficient administration of justice by consulting with and assisting court clerks, other court officers or employees, and clerks or other officers or employees of offices related to and serving a court.
- 4. provide for uniform administration of the courts and efficient administration of justice by consulting with and making recommendations to administrators and coordinators of the courts.
- 5. examine the judicial dockets, practices, and procedures of the courts and the administrative and business methods or systems used in the office of a clerk of a court or in an office related to and serving a court.
- 6. recommend a necessary improvement to a method or system; a form or other document used to record judicial business; or any other change that will promote the efficient administration of justice.
- 7. prepare an annual report of the activities of the office and publish it in the annual report of the Texas Judicial Council.
- 8. under the supervision of the chief justice, implement a rule of administration or other rules adopted by the supreme court for the efficient administration of justice.
- 9. perform other duties, as assigned by the supreme court or the chief justice of the supreme court.

<u>NAME</u>

Megan LaVoie Louis Tomasetti Jeffrey Tsunekawa Alejandra Pena María Elena Ramón Jennifer Henry Casey Kennedy Scott Ehlers Jeff Rinard Lynn Robitaille Garcia

POSITION

Administrative Director Director, Government Relations Director, Court Services Director, Data and Research General Counsel Chief Financial Officer Director, Information Services Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission Director, Enterprise Planning & Regulatory Services Director, Texas Forensic Science Commission

Texas Judicial Council

The OCA operates in conjunction with the **Texas Judicial Council**, which is the policy-making body for the state judiciary. The Council was created in 1929 by the 41st Legislature to continuously study and report on the organization and practices of the Texas judicial system.

The Council studies methods to simplify judicial procedures, expedite court business, and better administer justice. It examines the work accomplished by the courts and submits recommendations for improvement of the system to the Legislature, the Governor and the Supreme Court. The Council receives and considers input from judges, public officials, members of the bar, and citizens.

The Texas Judicial Council is comprised of twenty-two (22) members, sixteen (16) of whom are ex-officio and six (6) of whom are citizen members appointed by the Governor. Council members are not compensated for their services but are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses incurred while in the performance of their official duties.

Members of the Texas Judicial Council as of October 2024 are:

MEMBER

POSITION

Chair: Hon. Nathan L. Hecht

Vice-Chair: Hon. Sharon Keller

Legislative Members: Hon. Brandon Creighton Hon. Judith Zaffirini Hon. Jeff Leach Hon. Reggie Smith

Judicial Members: Hon. Ken Wise Hon. Emily Miskel Hon. Missy Medary

Hon. Bill Gravell Jr. Hon. Valencia Nash Hon. Kathleen Person Hon. Maggie Sawyer Hon. Edward J. Spillane, III Hon. Claudia Laird Vacant

Citizen Members:

Ms. Zina Bash, Austin Mr. Kevin Bryant, Dallas Ms. Jennifer Caughey, Houston Ms. Sonia Clayton, Houston Hon. Jon Gimble, Waco Ms. Rachel Racz, Fort Worth Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals

State Senator, Conroe State Senator, Laredo State Representative, Allen State Representative, Sherman

Justice, 14th Court of Appeals, Houston Justice, 5th Court of Appeals, Dallas Judge, 347th Judicial District Court, Corpus Christi Presiding Judge – 5th Region Justice of the Peace Pct. 3, Williamson County Justice of the Peace Pct. 1, Place 2, Dallas County Judge, City of Temple Municipal Court, Temple Justice of the Peace, McCulloch County, Brady Presiding Judge, City of College Station Judge, Probate Court No. 1, Montgomery County

Attorney Non-Attorney Non-Attorney Non-Attorney Non-Attorney

* All terms are served until a new member is appointed.

Judicial Committee on Information Technology

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas appoints Judicial Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) members pursuant to Section 77.012, Government Code. The current membership includes these appointees:

Voting members, as of August 31, 2024:

Honorable Rebecca Simmons, Former Justice, Fourth Court of Appeals, San Antonio Bob Wessels, Former Criminal Courts Administrator, Harris County Honorable Lawrence Doss, Justice, Seventh Court of Appeals, Amarillo Honorable David Escamilla, County Attorney, Travis County Honorable Roy Ferguson, Judge, 394th District Court, Brewster, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Hudspeth Counties Honorable Dan Hinde, Dan Hinde PLLC, Houston Honorable Laura Hinojosa, District Clerk, Hidalgo County Tracy Hopper, IT Administrator, Harris County District Clerk's Office D. Todd Smith, Attorney, Butler Snow LLP, Austin Carlos R. Soltero, Attorney, Soltero Sapire Murrell PLLC, Austin Dean Stanzione, Director of Court Administration, Lubbock County Mark Unger, The Unger Law Firm, San Antonio Honorable John Warren, County Clerk, Dallas County Edwards E. Wells, Jr., Court Manager, County Criminal Courts, Harris County

Non-voting liaison members, at the pleasure of the Chief Justice as of August 31, 2024:

Honorable Jeffery S. Boyd, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin Honorable Kevin Yeary, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin Amy Befeld, Texas Association of Counties, Austin Honorable David Canales, Judge, 73rd District Court, Bexar County Michael Cruz, Deputy Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas Michael Cuccaro, Executive Director, El Paso County Council of Judges, El Paso County Annie Elliott, Court Coordinator, 434th District Court, Fort Bend County Doug Gowin, Operations Manager, Tarrant County Jessica Griffith, JP Functional Analyst, Collin County Honorable Blake Hawthorne, Clerk, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin Honorable Patty Henry, District Clerk, Chambers County Roland Johnson, Attorney, Fort Worth Megan LaVoie, Administrative Director, Office of Court Administration, Austin Clint Ludwig, Chief Deputy Clerk, Tarrant County Honorable Velva Price, District Clerk, Travis County Honorable Russ Ridgway, Former JP, Harris County Honorable Nancy E. Rister, County Clerk, Williamson County Sian Schilhab, General Counsel, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin Honorable David Stith, Judge, 319th District Court, Nueces County Aaron Varner, Staff Attorney, Texas Legal Service Center, Austin Jennifer Williams, Vinson and Elkins, Austin Honorable Deana Williamson, Clerk, Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin Honorable J.R. Woolley, JP Precinct 2, Waller County

Justice Simmons serves as Chair and Mr. Wessels as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Honorable Jeffery S. Boyd, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, and the Honorable Kevin Yeary, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, serve as the Courts' liaisons.

Texas Indigent Defense Commission

The Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC) is led by the Honorable Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, and comprises seven members appointed by the Governor and seven ex officio members. The Commission's work is carried out by 19 staff. The Commission is administratively attached to the OCA. TIDC submits its legislative appropriations request and budget separately from the OCA. TIDC's mission is *protecting the right to counsel, improving public defense.*

The ex-officio members of the Commission, as of August 31, 2024, are:

MEMBER

POSITION

Honorable Sharon Keller
Honorable Nathan L. Hecht
Honorable Brandon Creighton
Honorable Joe Moody
Honorable Reggie Smith
Honorable Sherry Radack
Honorable Vivian Torres

Chair, Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Austin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Conroe, State Senator El Paso, State Representative Sherman, State Representative Houston, Chief Justice, First Court of Appeal Medina, County Court at Law Judge

The members appointed by the Governor, as of August 31, 2024, are:

MEMBER

POSITION

Honorable Missy Medary Mr. Alex Bunin	Chair , Corpus Christi, Presiding Judge, 5 th Adm. Judicial Houston, Chief Public Defender, Harris County
Honorable Richard Evans	Bandera, Bandera County Judge
Honorable Valerie Covey	Georgetown, Commissioner Precinct 3
Mr. Jay Cohen	Houston, Attorney, Blass Law PPLC
Honorable James R. Woolley, Jr	Waller, Justice of the Peace
Mr. James D. Bethke	San Antonio, Attorney

Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC)

The Texas Legislature established the nine-member Judicial Branch Certification Commission (JBCC) during the 83rd Regular Session. The commission is appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas and has the core responsibility for overseeing the certification, registration, and licensing of approximately **6970** court reporters and court reporting firms, guardians, guardianship programs, guardianship registrations, process servers, as well as licensed court interpreters. Hon. Sid Harle serves as the Chair of the commission.

Members Appointed to the JBCC

The Supreme Court of Texas appointed members to serve staggered terms on the Judicial Branch Certification Commission:

MEMBER	<u>CITY</u>	EXPIRES
Hon. Sid Harle, Chairman	San Antonio	2029
Hon. William Sowder, Vice-Chair	Lubbock	2027
Hon. Victor Villarreal	Laredo	2029
Hon. Glen Harrison	Sweetwater	2025
Hon. Polly Spencer	San Antonio	2025
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Don D. Ford, Attorney,	Houston	2025
Mark Blenden, Attorney	Dallas	2029
Ann Murray Moore, Attorney	Edinburg	2027
Velma Arellano, Court Reporter	Edinburg	2027

JBCC members receive no compensation for their services but are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses while performing their official duties as members of the Commission.

Texas Forensic Science Commission

The Texas Legislature created the Texas Forensic Science Commission ("Commission") during the 79th Legislative Session to investigate allegations of professional negligence or professional misconduct that would substantially affect the integrity of the results of a forensic analysis conducted by a crime laboratory. The Commission is also charged with developing and implementing a reporting system through which accredited laboratories report professional negligence or misconduct. During subsequent legislative sessions, the Texas Legislature further amended the Code of Criminal Procedure, clarifying and expanding the Commission's jurisdiction to include oversight of the State's crime laboratory accreditation and forensic analyst licensing programs. The 87th Texas Legislature tasked the Commission with establishing a code of professional responsibility to regulate the conduct of persons, laboratories, facilities, and other entities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission is also actively engaged in various forensic development initiatives and works collaboratively with stakeholders in the criminal justice system to improve education and training in forensic science and the law.

Members Appointed to the TFSC

The Commission's nine-member panel consisting of seven scientists and two lawyers (including one defense attorney representative and one prosecutor representative) is appointed by the Governor of Texas. Members serve staggered two-year terms.

MEMBER	<u>CITY</u>	EXPIRES
Dr. Jeffrey Barnard, Presiding Officer	Dallas	2025
Dr. Patrick Buzzini	Spring	2024
Dr. Michael Coble	Fort Worth	2024
Mr. Mark Daniel, J.D.	Fort Worth	2025
Dr. Nancy Downing	Bryan	2024
Dr. Jasmine Drake	Houston	2024
Dr. Sarah Kerrigan	The Woodlands	2025
Mr. Jarvis Parsons, D.A.	Bryan	2025
Ms. Erika Ziemak	Aledo	2025

Commission members receive no compensation for their services but are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses while performing their official duties as members of the Commission.

Organization Chart

