



**GARY FITZSIMMONS
DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK**

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Dear Dallas County Citizen and Customers:

I am very pleased to make available court records online to the public and legal community for the first time in Dallas County. This achievement is the fruit of a three and a half year partnership between the District and County clerks and Dallas County I.T. Services. It represents a major milestone of the District Clerk's [Digital Courts Project](#) and the fulfillment of a significant objective of the [Dallas County Strategic Plan](#).

More than 13 million pages of court records are now available to the public from those courts already converted to digital eCourts. Many more records will become available as this process continues over the remainder of the year.

At the time of this writing, you will find the following records available:

Criminal Case Records

- All Felony case records for new cases indicted after January 1, 2010;
- Pending Felony cases in the following courts: 194th, 203rd, 204th, 283rd, 292nd, CDC#3, CDC#4 and CDC#6;

Civil Case Records

- All Civil case records electronically filed in the District Courts after June, 2008;
- All pending Civil case records for the following Civil District Courts: 95th, 116th, 101st, 134th, 160th, 193rd and the 298th;
- All pending Civil case records for County Court at Law #4;

Family Case Records

- Family case records dating to 2003 will be made available in stages starting two weeks from the date of this writing as District Clerk staff completes final verification of confidential record redaction.

What you will not find available on this site:

- Felony case records involving the sexual assault of a minor or adult to protect the identity of the victim(s). Attorneys should contact the District Clerk to obtain access to these records;
- Any Civil, Family or Felony case record sealed or made confidential by state statute or an order of the court;

- Certain Family court case records identified as “sensitive” by the District Clerk’s office usually involving children and family violence. Attorneys should contact the District Clerk to obtain access to these records;
- Tax cases. Conversion of the Tax Court to eCourt is sighted for 2011;
- Misdemeanor, Probate and Justice of the Peace case records.

We are working rapidly to complete the full conversion of the Dallas County District Courts and Dallas County Courts-at-Law to electronic platforms. We anticipate completion by the end of fall 2010. If you are an attorney, you can help by ensuring that every document you file with the court, from Original Petitions to ordinary motions, is eFiled through TexasOnline. If you are citizen, please let the judiciary know that you appreciate the efficiency and access that comes with use of technology in the courts.

I would invite and encourage you to give us your suggestions and comments. You may contact me at gfitzsimmons@dallascounty.org and the Hon. John Warren, County Clerk, at jwarren@dallascounty.org. We both look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'GF', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Fitzsimmons
Dallas County District Clerk