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**Piece of the
Puzzle, Part of
the Whole**



eFile/re:Search TX

Thursday, January 31, 2019
8:30–9:30 a.m.

Ms. Tracy Hopper
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Harris County District Clerk's Office

Hon. Sheri Woodfin
Tom Green County District Clerk

The session will provide updates on the eFile/re:Search TX system.

Tracy Hopper serves Harris County as I.T. administrator for the District Clerk's Office. With 22 years in the District Clerk's Office, she has filled previous roles as a software developer, project coordinator and application manager. Hopper has helped architect, design, program and deploy systems from financial accounting, jury, human resources, budget and various other office systems. The largest application built and run by the District Clerk's Office and Hopper's staff is a document management system serving criminal, civil, family and juvenile district courts, county criminal courts, legal community and the public. The application houses more than 270 million pages of electronic documents with more than 65,000 pages added daily. The document management system serves more than 80,000 customers including the courts. The system serves upstream and downstream document needs including an interface to receive electronic filings from the statewide eFiling infrastructure along with sending back interfaces to the statewide portal. Documents are also being programmatically generated and sent to other agencies electronically. Hopper helped transition Harris Civil district courts from a paper-based circulation to an electronic system. Most of the civil/family courts have been automated to electronic signatures and juvenile courts will follow.

Hon. Sheri Woodfin is the Tom Green County district clerk. She started working for Tom Green County almost 30 years ago and was elected to her first term as district clerk in 1999. Woodfin has served on the board of the Texas Counties, the executive board of the County and District Clerks Association of Texas (CDCAT), and served as president of CDCAT in 2012. She was honored as District Clerk of the Year by her peers in 2005.

Ms. Woodfin has served on numerous state-appointed committees, most recently serving on the Judicial Committee on Information Technology. She led her county in the implementation of e-filing in the District Clerk's Office in 2003. This early adoption assisted the 51st District Court with the Fundamental Latter Day Saints (FLDS) Schleicher County case, where the state removed more than 100 children from the Zion Ranch. The judge mandated electronic filing for attorneys, using the e-file portal through Tom Green County, with approval from the Supreme Court. With collaboration from the district judges and court personnel, Tom Green County has adopted paperless solution in civil and criminal district courts.

eFileTexas / re:SearchTX

Questions

1. In 2012, OCA became the current contract holder for statewide eFiling. The R.F.O. was awarded to Tyler Technologies. The contract included what systems?
 - a) Statewide eFiling portal
 - b) Statewide eFiling portal and statewide public access portal
 - c) Statewide eFiling portal, statewide public access portal, and a self-help portal

2. What is the name of the statewide public access portal?
 - a) eFileTexas.gov
 - b) Re:SearchTx
 - c) Google

3. Who can access Re:SearchTx?
 - a) Attorneys
 - b) Judges
 - c) Clerks
 - d) Public
 - e) All of the above

4. Does the attorney on the case have to pay for documents on Re:SearchTx?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

5. Does a licensed attorney not on the case have to pay for documents on Re:SearchTx?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

6. Can the public or licensed attorneys not on the case view data sensitive documents
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

7. What is the cost per document charged on re:SearchTx?
 - a) 6.00 dollars
 - b) .10 cents a page
 - c) .10 cents a page up to 6.00 max per order
 - d) .10 cents a page up to 6.00 max per document

8. How much does the originating county receive of document costs?
 - a) None
 - b) 100% of what the user paid
 - c) 100% of document costs minus any fees
9. Is there a watermark on documents purchased on Re:SearchTx?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
10. Can the attorneys see all case types?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) All but criminal
11. Can the public see all case types?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) All but criminal
12. How far back can attorneys see an efiled document?
 - a) 1/1/2016
 - b) 11/1/2018
 - c) 11/7/2018
 - d) All efiled documents
13. How far back can the public see an efiled document?
 - a) 1/1/2016
 - b) 11/1/2018
 - c) 11/7/2018
 - d) All efiled documents
14. If a clerk expunges a case in efileing (court admin module) will it be removed from re:SearchTx?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Only if you are integrated
15. If a clerk is NOT integrated with efileing, will their documents be on re:SearchTx?
 - a) Yes
 - b) No

16. If a clerk is not integrated with re:SearchTx, will their efiled documents be on re:SearchTx?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
17. If a county has Odyssey, then they are automatically integrated with re:SearchTx?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
18. Redaction is required on data sensitive documents in eFiling?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
 - c) Only if not marked "data sensitive" on the document
19. As a clerk, I need to fix/correct any incorrectly redacted documents during acceptance?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
20. Redaction services provided through eFiling auto redacts and complies with all of TRCP 21c?
- a) Yes
 - b) No
21. The clerk will receive which document when a filer redacts the document?
- a) Only the original
 - b) Both the original and redacted documents
 - c) Only the redacted document
 - d) Set by configuration