



## A Message From the Texas Municipal Courts Association President

Good morning. This will be the first of a series of messages this term directly from me to you - the Texas Municipal Courts Association (TMCA) member. These messages will be short ones keeping you informed of some of the exciting highlights of Association business. Today, I would like to mention 5 items:

1) The new term of office started on September 1<sup>st</sup>. I am privileged to work with the following people on your Board of Directors this term: Hon. Gary Ellsworth (President-elect), Hon. Bob Richter (Treasurer), Hon. Hilda Cuthbertson (Secretary), Hon. Bonnie Townsend (First Vice-President), Hon. Danny Rodgers (Second Vice-President), Hon. Pam Liston (Immediate Past President), Hon. Jan Blacklock Matthews (Region I), Hon. Teresa Evans (Region II), Hon. Ashley McSwain (Region III), Hon. Forrest Phifer (Region IV), Hon. Tim Meek (Region V), Hon. Sherry Statman (Region VI), Hon. Ed Spillane (Region VII), Hon. Gary Scott (Region VIII), Hon. Julie Escalante (Region IX), and Hon. Henri Morales (Region X). I am excited to work with such a talented team and have high hopes for this term.

2) We are building a new website! The new address is <https://testregistration.wildapricot.org>. We will be adding a substantial amount of content in the coming months and will be working on an electronic voting system this term as well as a new web address. We will update you with future developments.

3) I have appointed these board members as chairs of the following committees: Hon. Bonnie Townsend (Annual Meeting), Hon. Hilda Cuthbertson (Audit), Hon. Ed Spillane (Budget & Finance), Hon. Teresa Evans (Bylaws), Hon. Danny Rodgers (Education), Hon. Pam Liston (Legislative), Hon. Ashley McSwain (Membership), Hon. Gary Ellsworth (Nominating), and Hon. Julie Escalante (Website). I thank them for agreeing to serve as committee chairs. I will be chairing the Executive/Personnel Committee and the Ad Hoc Civil Rules Committee. If you have any items you wish to have a committee consider, please contact your regional director, the committee chair, or me.

4) Due to the ongoing challenges regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the TMCEC Board of Directors (election to the TMCA Board of Directors makes you a director on the TMCEC Board) held a special called meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> so that TMCEC Executive Director Ryan Turner could brief us on TMCEC's plan for conducting seminars this academic year. Part of that plan includes sending constituents surveys regarding preferences relating to seminars. Please be on the lookout for the surveys and please complete and return them when you receive them. We expect the first one to be distributed in October.

5) All members are welcome to attend board meetings and to address the Board during the speakers' section of the agenda. The next TMCA Board meeting will be on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 1:30 PM at the Sonesta Hotel located at 12525 Bee Cave Pkwy, Bee Cave, TX 78738.

Thank you for being a member of TMCA and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

President,  
Texas Municipal Courts Association