

LEGAL & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Collin County Law Library
located in the lower level of the Collin County Courthouse
2100 Bloomdale Road, Suite 02536
McKinney, TX 75071
972-548-4255 or email: lawlib@co.collin.tx.us
www.collincountytx.gov/law_library/index.jsp
Library Hours: Monday – Friday 8am – 5pm



LEGAL ADVICE PHONE HOTLINES

Texas Advocacy Project

www.texasadvocacyproject.org

1-800-374-HOPE(4673) – Family Violence

1-800-777-FAIR (3247) – Family Law

Free legal advice for family law, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking

Legal Line – Dallas Bar Association

214-220-7476

2nd & 3rd Wednesday of the month from

5:30 pm to 8:00 pm only

Legal Line – Tarrant County Bar Assoc.

817-335-1239

2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm only

Legal Aid of NW Texas Hotline

1-888-529-5277 (toll free)

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12 noon

Low-income only

Legal Hotline for Texans

1-800-622-2520 (toll free) or www.tlsc.org

Seniors age 60+ & Medicare beneficiaries

Access & Visitation Hotline

www.txaccess.org

(for non-custodial parents)

1-866-292-4636 (toll free)

Monday – Friday 10 am – 6:00 pm

STATE BAR OF TEXAS LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

1-800-252-9690

You will receive a 30 minute consultation with an attorney for \$20. If you and the attorney agree to continue with the case, the attorney's standard rates will apply. Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

FREE LEGAL CLINICS

Plano Legal Clinic

1-800-906-3045

6:00 pm, 3rd Thursday of the month

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

920 E. 14th Street, Plano

Low income applicants only

Allen Legal Clinic

1-800-906-3045

6:00 pm, 2nd Thursday of the month

First United Methodist Church

601 S. Greenville Ave., Allen

Low income applicants only

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas

www.lanwt.org

1-800-906-3045 or 972-542-9405

901 N. McDonald, Ste. 702, McKinney

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LEGAL & GOVERNMENT RESOURCES & INFORMATION

Attorney General of Texas Child Support Division

www.oag.state.tx.us

469-241-6500 phone or email

childsupport@texasattorneygeneral.gov

2020 G. Ave. Suite #1004

Plano, TX 75074

Bankruptcy Court – Eastern District of TX

www.txeb.uscourts.gov

972-509-1240

660 N. Central Expwy, #300B

Plano, TX (Satellite Office)

U.S. Attorney's Office –Eastern District

972-509-1201

101 E. Park Blvd., Suite 500

Plano, TX 75074

State Bar of Texas

www.texasbar.com

1-800-932-1900

Attorney grievances

Freedom of Information Foundation

1-800-580-6651 Open records, open

meetings information

1-877-673-6839 Attorney General's open

government hotline

www.foift.org

Adoption Resources

www.adoption.com

www.uscis.gov/adoption (Foreign

Adoptions)

General Legal & Government websites

www.co.collin.tx.us Collin County

www.texasjudge.com Helpful judicial info in
Collin County

www.texas.gov Official Portal of TX

www.findlaw.com Learn more about legal
topics

www.law.cornell.edu Search US codes,
constitution and federal regulations

www.lawsources.com American law info

Texas Legislature

www.legis.state.tx.us

View Texas statutes, bills & constitution
online

Texas Vital Statistics

www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/

Birth, death, marriage, divorce, paternity
certificates, adoption

SMU Plano Mediation and Conflict Resolution Services

Southern Methodist University

[https://www.smu.edu/Simmons/Community
Enrichment/MediationClinic](https://www.smu.edu/Simmons/CommunityEnrichment/MediationClinic)

972-473-3486 email: mediation@smu.edu

Offers low cost conflict resolution services
to individuals and organizations that are
involved in a dispute.

Need to find a Court Record in Collin County?

**You can find information on some Criminal or Civil & Family Cases,
including divorce. Go to the <http://www.co.collin.tx.us>**

1. Click on "Online Services"

2. Scroll down and click on "Case Search"

3. Put in the name of the party you want to search for and click "Search"

4. Click on the "Case Number" to bring up the outline of the case history.

COMMUNITY SERVICES RESOURCES

Assistance Center of Collin County

www.assistancecenter.org

972-422-1850

Primary contact point for all Collin County residents who need social services

Collin Cares

www.collincares.org

Online directory of human services in Collin County

Child/Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline

972-547-5477 District Attorney Crime Tip-Line
Texas Dept. of Family & Protective Services

Collin County Family Justice Division

972-548-4323

2100 Bloomdale Rd, Suite 2004, McKinney
Juvenile, Protective Orders, Domestic Violence, Child/Adult Protection

Collin County Children's Advocacy Center

www.caccollincounty.org

972-633-6600 (Plano)

972-632-3910 (McKinney)

Physical, sexual, emotional abuse & neglect

Hope's Door

www.hopesdoorinc.org

972-276-0057 24-hour hotline

Shelter & counseling for victim's of domestic violence

Family Place

www.familyplace.org

214-941-1991 – 24-hour hotline

Shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence

Tenants' Rights Information

www.texastenant.org

214-823-2733

Texas Tenants Union

Samaritan Inn

www.thesamaritaninn.org

972-542-5302

1710 N. McDonald St., McKinney 75071

Homeless shelter/program in Collin County for single adults & families

Texas Guardianship Association

<http://texasguardianship.org>

1-888-399-9115

Educates professional, family, and volunteer guardians on guardianship basics.

LifePath Systems (Collin County MHMR)

www.lifepathsystems.org

972-562-9647

1515 Heritage Dr., McKinney 75069

Support to North Texas residents with special needs.

Early Childhood Intervention for ages birth to 3 years for disabilities or delays in development.

Disability Rights Texas

www.disabilityrightstx.org

1-800-252-9108 Mon-Fri 9:00am – 4 pm

Disability issues, including access & discrimination

Our Friend's Place

www.ourfriendsplace.org

214-520-6268

Therapeutic Group Home for at-risk girls ages 10-17

Transitional Living Center for young women ages 18-24

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Emily's Place, Inc.

P.O. Box 860911

Plano, TX 75074

972-424-7775

www.emilysplacetx.org

Emily's Place mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence for women and their children through long-term transformational care that seeks to restore faith, hope and health. In addition to community living, the holistic transformational program at Emily's Place includes counseling, vocational assistance, life skills development, transportation and childcare – all within a structured environment with 24/7 staff who are dedicated to offering the support and accountability needed to transition from a difficult past into a bright future. Emily's Place offers up to 24 months to women and children who are survivors of domestic violence.

LAW LIBRARIES**SMU Underwood Law Library**

214-768-3383

<http://library.law.smu.edu>

6550 Hillcrest Ave., Dallas 75275

Public access: Mon – Thur 9 am – 7 pm
and Fri 9 am – 6 pm ONLY**Texas State Law Library**

1-844-829-2843 (toll free)

www.sll.texas.gov

The Texas State Law Library is an excellent resource with a new web portal that makes legal research accessible to all Texans. Their collection covers Consumer, Family, Juvenile, Criminal, & Immigration laws along with a multitude of others topics. Materials are available in e-books or online digital collections.

COUNSELING SERVICES**Green Path Debt Solutions**www.greenpath.com

1-800-550-1961

Non-profit financial education

Avenues Counseling Center

201 W. Louisiana St., McKinney 75069

972-562-9647, ext 210

Substance rehab

www.avenuescounseling.org**CITY House****(Collin Intervention to Youth)**www.cityhouse.org

972-424-4626

Teen shelter/Counseling center

National Teen Dating Abuse Hotlinewww.loveisrespect.org

1-866-331-9474

Real-time one-on-one support

The Turning Pointwww.theturningpoint.org

1-800-886-7273 – 24-hour hotline

Rape crisis center of Collin County

WEBSITES AND HELPLINES

TexasLawHelp.org

www.TexasLawHelp.org is a web site dedicated to providing free, reliable legal information to low-income Texans.

TexasCourthelp.org

www.texascourthelp.org is an information source to help the self-litigant understand and navigate the Texas court system. It includes step-by-step guides and multilingual video instructions for civil cases.

Family Helpline CPS Cases Only

The poster is blue with a red diagonal banner in the top left corner that reads "FREE LEGAL INFORMATION". At the top center is the Texas Legal Services Center logo, which includes a star and the text "TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES CENTER". Below the logo, the words "FAMILY HELPLINE" are written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath that, in smaller white text, it says "Ask a lawyer about Texas Child Protective Services and the legal system." A dark blue horizontal band in the middle contains the phone number "(844)888-6565" in large white text, followed by "Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm, CST" and "All calls are anonymous." in smaller white text. Below this band, the text "COMMON QUESTIONS:" is followed by two columns of bullet points. The first column lists: "CPS investigations", "Family Based Safety Services", "Service Plans", and "Do I need a lawyer?". The second column lists: "Legal Terms", "Kinship Care", "What to Expect in Court", and "Closed cases." Below the bullet points, it says "Lawyers offer legal information and education, not legal advice." The website "www.texaslawhelp.org" is listed. At the bottom, in small white text, it says "FUNDED BY: Children's Commission of the Texas Supreme Court, Children's Justice Act, and Texas Access to Justice Foundation."

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TEXAS LEGAL SERVICES CENTER

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Program Available to Collin County Residents



Guide and File, a new web-based program powered by *Tyler Technologies*, is now available to Collin County residents. The program allows individuals to create certain legal forms for filing online using pre-formatted, step-by-step templates that will generate a completed form.

You can access the forms through **EFileTexas** from any computer. Registration is free and once you sign up, you can save your work and resume working on your document at your convenience from any location. The website has a tutorial and guides you through all of the information required for that particular form page-by-page.

Once a final document has been generated, customers will have the option of printing their form for hand-filing or e-filing using a credit card.

The forms currently available are:

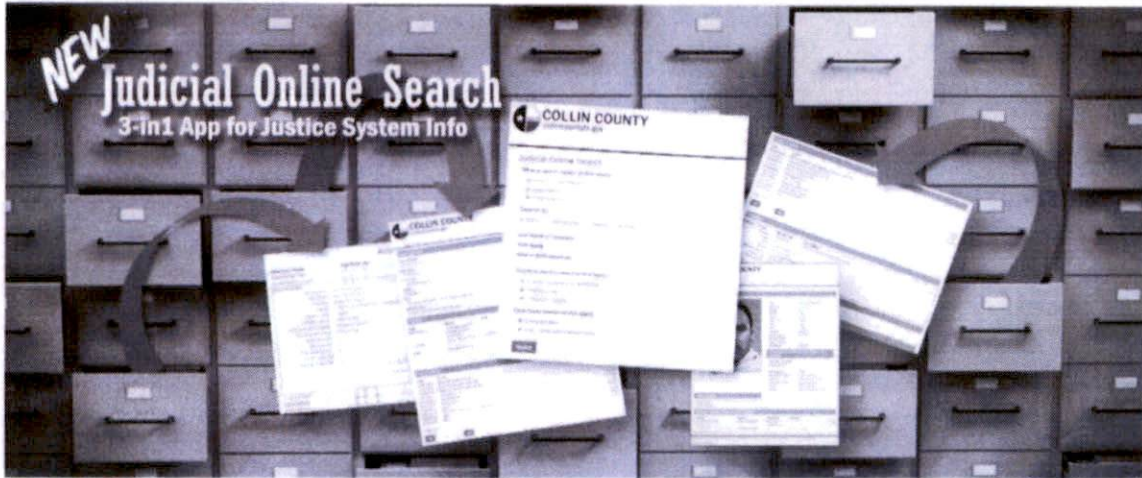
- Affidavit of Death for the Transfer on Death Deed
- Cancellation of Transfer on Death Deed
- Civil Answer
- Dismissed for Want of Prosecution (Retain or Reinstate Case)
- Final Decree of Divorce Without Children
- Forms to Start a Divorce Without Children
- General Affidavit
- Motion for a Nunc Pro Tunc (Correct Clerical Mistake)
- Motion to Appoint a Language Interpreter
- Name Change of an Adult Petition

- Notice of Nonsuit (Voluntary Dismissal)
- Occupational Driver License Petition
- Order Appointing a Language Interpreter
- Order for a Nunc Pro Tunc (Correct Clerical Mistake)
- Order for Nonsuit (Voluntary Dismissal)
- Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs (Fee Waiver)
- Texas Eviction Petition
- Texas Repair and Remedy Petition
- Texas Small Claims Petition
- Transfer on Death Deed
- Unsworn Declaration

Additional forms are being developed and will be added periodically, so users are encouraged to check back if the form they need is not yet listed.

<https://selfhelp.efiletexas.gov/srl>

Collin County launches one-stop judicial system search



Collin County launched a new, free online application today that gives web-users one search engine to bring back data on the county's top databases: active warrants, current inmates and court cases.

With **Judicial Online Search**, visitors to the county website can enter one search to pull back information from the three most heavily used databases onto one results pages with easy navigation back-and-forth between results. The online information from all three is updated live, 24 hours a day.

Users can now use this one-stop search engine to:

- Review court cases, past and present, from traffic tickets to felony crimes, divorces to civil torts, by name, case or citation number;
- Look-up inmates, view mug shots, check bond amounts, time served, or link back to the inmates' criminal cases; and,
- Check active warrants and link back to any cases tied to those warrants;
- Best of all, the app is mobile-friendly.

Users can still search the databases separately from their desktop or mobile devices.

Judicial Online Search was designed and built completely in-house, at no added cost to taxpayers, and is part of the county's ongoing efforts to accommodate the ever-growing use of mobile devices. Collin County's website draws about 1.6 million pageviews – or "hits" -- a month. Almost 70 percent of those hits involve tapping one of the three judicial system databases now combined into Judicial Online Search.

<https://apps.collincountytx.gov/JudicialRecords>