

Collin County Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Recognition Form

Honoree's Name: William D. Vest
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

Honoree's Job Title: Bailiff

Department: Collin County Court at Law #2

Years of Service with the County: 19 years

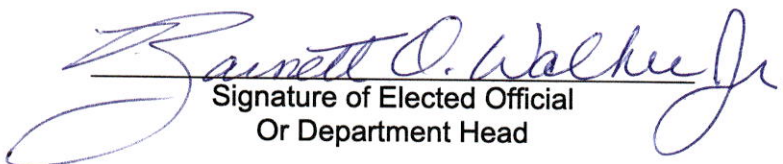
Why the Honoree is receiving a GEM Award including dates:

Bailiff Vest continuously finds new ways to make improvements to not only County Court at Law #2, but also to the county as a whole. He recently reviewed a report that tracks the number of pending criminal cases for each county court. He then painstakingly went through most of the 1,388 pending cases one by one, and found several software flaws that were causing many previously disposed of cases to be wrongfully reflected as still pending. This report is sent to the Office of Court Administration and other Texas agencies to determine both court efficiency and the need for future courts as well.

Additionally, Bailiff Vest's attention to detail uncovered how a local bond company that was no longer permitted to post bonds in Collin County, was trying to circumvent the process by the writing bonds in another county and then transferring the bond to a bond company that is allowed to post bonds here. The bond board has been notified.

In another instance, Bailiff Vest discovered a systemic flaw that was allowing defendants who were arrested for a second Driving While Intoxicated offense, to process out of the Collin County jail without being given statutorily mandated bond conditions that included that they not operate any vehicle that is not equipped with a Deep Lung Device. This has now been corrected and it directly contributes to the safety of all county residents.

Approved by elected official or department head on the 25th day of Sept, 20 24


Signature of Elected Official
Or Department Head

Barnett O. Walker Jr.
Printed Name