

WICHITA COUNTY

Job Announcement



Job Posting Number: 2022-076

- POSITION:** Official Court Reporter, 78th District Court
- STARTING DATE:** January 1, 2023
- LOCATION:** Wichita County Courthouse
900 7th Street
Wichita Falls, Texas 76301
- REPORTS TO:** 78TH District Court Judge, Meredith Kennedy
- HOURS:** Generally 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday (or as required by District Judge) It may be necessary to work 60+ hours per week to meet appellate deadlines.
- SALARY:** Set by the order of the judge of the court, up to \$103,000 annually (depending on qualifications).

POSTING DATE: October 12, 2022

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled

► GENERAL AUTHORITY AND DUTIES:

ON REQUEST SHALL:

- Attend all sessions of court.
- Take full shorthand notes of all hearings in which a record is requested, including oral testimony offered before the court, objections made to the admissibility of evidence, court rulings, and remarks on the objections, and the exceptions to the rulings.
- Take full shorthand notes of the closing arguments if requested to do so by the attorney of a party to the case, including objections to the arguments, court rulings, remarks on the objections, and the exceptions to the rulings.
- Preserve the notes for future reference as required by all applicable Government Code provisions.
- Furnish a transcript of the reported evidence or other proceedings, in whole or in part.
- Comply with all applicable provisions of the Code of Ethics, Texas Government Code, and Texas Code of Judicial Conduct.

- Mark and retain all exhibits introduced in court proceedings and later file with the appropriate entities.
- Maintain excellent time management skills to ensure compliance with all applicable appellate deadlines.

An official court reporter of the District Court may conduct the deposition of witnesses, receive, execute and return commissions and make a certificate of the proceedings in any county that is included in the judicial district of that court.

► **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Be certified, and in good standing, as a shorthand reporter by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- Have a minimum of two (2) years' experience as an official or freelance court reporter.
- High school graduate or equivalent (GED) required, with additional higher education preferred.
- Have a working knowledge of Texas Law regarding official court records and reporters.
- Must be able to manage a multiple-task environment and work effectively in stressful situations.
- Must be able to successfully complete and pass a pre-employment physical exam, drug test, and security background check at the expense of the employer.
- Must possess the following equipment: stenograph machine, laptop with software, printer, and all other equipment necessary to perform official duties and produce records.

► **APPLY TO:**

Attention: Meredith Kennedy, Judge of the 78th District Court

Email: meredith.kennedy@co.wichita.tx.us

**Wichita County
78th District Court
900 7th Street, Room 314
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TEXAS RELAY: TDD 1-800-735-2989, VOICE 1-800-735-2988. For candidates requesting Braille, Mobility requests, etc., please call 940.766.8108. HR/ADA Compliance Office, Room 133, Wichita County Courthouse, 900 7th Street, Wichita Falls, Texas 76301.