



District Clerk Minutes



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Welcome to the second issue of the District Clerk Minutes.

WHAT'S NEW

New Drug Court

On July 7, 2009 at 4:00 pm, Honorable James Robertson, Associate Judge for Brazoria County, will begin our newly implemented Drug Court hearings.



RULES TO REMEMBER

Our office has a few rules in place which help to make our daily operation run smoother. We'd like to share them with you in hopes of gaining your cooperation.

- For returned file stamped copies, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

- Notice of Hearings should be a separate document. If the Notice of Hearing is made a part of a document, we cannot file stamp the document until the Notice of Hearing is completed.
- We are not allowed to alter file stamped documents. Thus file stamped documents with incorrect cause numbers will be posted, imaged and filed in the cause number at the top of the document. If the error is caught before the document is file stamped, we will return it for correction.
- Rule 103 Orders are required in the 23rd District Court only.
- The 300th District Court requires a Scheduling Order be entered to obtain Temporary Orders.
- When e-Filing, please remember to file one document at a time. Combined documents are not accepted. Please refer to the Efile Local Rules available on our website at www.brazoria-county.com/dclerk.
- We've changed our procedures for collecting fees on Expunctions. We no longer charge up front for mailing out certified copies of the Order of Expunction. A request for additional fees will come as the final order is entered.

TERMS OF OFFICE

Congratulations and kudos to the following deputy clerks for completing another year of service in the District Clerk's office during the months of May and June.

Alice "Pat" Norris	25 years
Charlotte Day	26 years plus
Melinda Cloud	9 years
Melinda Huffman	9 years
Monica Thompson	1 year
Kathleen McDougald	4 years
Jonathan Howell	1 year
Judy Jackson	8 years
Melissa Mezger	9 years

CLAIM TO FAME

He who tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted. John L. Lewis

Ms. Esther Hall, a four year employee, has achieved a great accomplishment by obtaining her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Ms. Esther announces her commencement ceremony from the University of Phoenix will be held on September 12, 2009 at 2:00 pm.

We all congratulate you on a job well done. "You go, Girl"

JERRY'S JOKES

Did you know that in Texas.....

- When two trains meet each other at a railroad crossing, each shall come to a full stop, and neither shall proceed until the other has gone.
- It is illegal to drive without windshield wipers. You don't need a windshield, but you must have the wipers.

NATE'S NOTES

We are taking steps to implement a new procedure by which we would send any type of notice to attorneys by e-mail. This new procedure would be a significant cost savings to the county and ensure a timely delivery of notices to the attorney.

If you have not registered your e-mail address with us, there is an Attorney Register Information Form on our website under Downloadable Documents. The completed form can be mailed to Jerry Deere, Brazoria County District Clerk, 111 E. Locust St., Ste. 500, Angleton, TX 77515, faxed to 979-864-1770 or e-mailed to charlotted@brazoria-county.com.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 3, 2009	4 th of July Holiday	Office Closed
July 31, 2009	Staff Meeting	Office Closed 8:00 am until 8:30 am
August 28, 2009	Staff Meeting	Office Closed 8:00 am until 8:30 am

CAUSE FOR ACTION

We don't stop laughing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop laughing.

CLERK OF THE MONTH



Judy Jackson was nominated as our Clerk of the Month for May, 2009.



Melissa Mezger was nominated as our Clerk of the Month for June, 2009.

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