



# County and District Clerks' Association of Texas 2025-2026 Clerk of the Year Award Nominee Application

Winners will be announced at the 2026 CDCAT Annual Conference



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME:	<input type="text" value="Coston"/>	FIRST NAME:	<input type="text" value="Shelley"/>
COUNTY:	<input type="text" value="Bell"/>	REGION:	<input type="text" value="4"/>
POSITION:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk	<input type="checkbox"/> District Clerk	<input type="checkbox"/> Combination Clerk
EMAIL ADDRESS:	<input type="text" value="shelley.coston@bellcounty.texas.gov"/>	PHONE NUMBER:	<input type="text" value="254-933-5177"/>
YEARS IN OFFICE:	<input type="text" value="20"/>	OFFICE PERSONNEL CONTACT:	<input type="text" value="Diana Barnard"/>



## LIST OF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES SERVED

List your service in the association's committees, beginning with the most recent and the years you served.

Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="Legislative Committee"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="Scholarship Committee"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="2008-2009"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="CDCAT Region IV Secretary"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="April 2026"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text"/>
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**LIST OF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES SERVED (CONTINUED)**

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Add additional information if you run out of space or want to add a brief description:

Presenter at various Winter, Spring and Fall CDCAT Conferences

**LIST OF OTHER 'ASSOCIATION' NOTABLE SERVICES**

Committee Name:	Urban Recorder's Alliance-Founding Member	Year(s) Served:	2012-present
Committee Name:	Urban Recorder's Alliance - Membership Director	Year(s) Served:	2021 - 2023
Committee Name:	Urban Recorder's Alliance - Treasurer	Year(s) Served:	2025-2026
Committee Name:	Texas Association of Counties	Year(s) Served:	2007 - present
Committee Name:	TAC-Probate Academy Planning Committee	Year(s) Served:	2021-2023
Committee Name:	Texas Association of Election Administrators	Year(s) Served:	2007-2014
Committee Name:	CDCAT Region IV Meeting Host	Year(s) Served:	2010 and 2019
Committee Name:	CDCAT Region IV Spring Conference Presenter	Year(s) Served:	2026
Committee Name:	<input type="text"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text"/>

Add additional information if you run out of space or want to add a brief description:

TAC County Best Practices Award 2022  
 TAC Leadership Foundation Graduate 2011  
 TAC Probate Academy Presenter 2021-2022  
 TAC Lunch and Learn Presenter 2022  
 VG Young Institute of County Government Conference Presenter 2017, 2019, 2021  
 Region IV Spring Conference Presenter 2026

**LIST OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CIVIC SERVICE**

Committee Name:	Bell County Bail Bond Board	Year(s) Served:	2007- Present
Committee Name:	Bell County Bail Bond Board, Vice Chair	Year(s) Served:	2014- Present
Committee Name:	Bell County Elections Commission, Vice Chair	Year(s) Served:	2007-Present
Committee Name:	Bell County Housing Finance Corp	Year(s) Served:	2015 - Present

**LIST OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CIVIC SERVICE (CONTINUED)**

Committee Name:	Central Texas Republican Women (CTRW)	Year(s) Served:	2005-Present
Committee Name:	CTRW Board Member - Parliamentarian	Year(s) Served:	2018, 2019
Committee Name:	CTRW Legislative Committee Chair	Year(s) Served:	2014 - 2017
Committee Name:	CTRW Scholarship Foundation, Treasurer	Year(s) Served:	2007 - 2009
Committee Name:	Bell County Youth Fair Auction Committee	Year(s) Served:	2015-2025
Committee Name:	Bell County Bar Association - Associate Member	Year(s) Served:	2007 - Present

Add additional information if you run out of space or want to add a brief description:

Bell County Bar Association, Administrative Director, 2004 - 2006  
 Legal Assistant of the Year BCBA, 2003 and 2005  
 Paralegal Division Founder and President, BCBA 2002 - 2004  
 Temple College, Advisory Board Member, Paralegal Certification Program and first Graduate, 2004

**OPTIONAL-PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS AWARD.**

I am truly honored to receive the nomination for County Clerk of the Year for Region IV. Being nominated by one's peers is truly a gift I will forever appreciate. Serving as the Bell County Clerk is a privilege that I am grateful and thankful to have each and every day.

I have served in county government in Bell County for over 28 years; first as a legal assistant in the County Attorney's office, later transferring to the District Attorney's office before being elected in 2007 as the Bell County Clerk. During my tenure as County Clerk, we have accomplished so many great things in every department of our office. I have a wonderful staff of 24 beautiful people who are dedicated, hardworking and strive to bring excellence to our citizens every day. I believe true success involves surrounding yourself with people who celebrate your wins, provide constructive feedback, and inspire you to grow. These 24 people are definitely what makes our office a success.

I am a lifelong resident of Bell County where I have lived for over 50 years. I am a proud graduate of Temple High School, Class of 1984, then earning an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Business Administration from Temple College in 1991. In 2004, I was the first graduate of the Temple College Paralegal Certification Program which I assisted in the creation and development of the program as the Administrative Director for the Bell County Bar Association.

My husband and I celebrate our beautiful family; our daughter Katie Wyatt, her husband Jeff and our one and only grand, Avery; our son Joshua and his wife Paige; and our four mini doxies - Sadie, Jasper, Copper, and Ryder. Being "Lolli" to Avery is the absolute best and my most favorite thing ever!