



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="Berry"/>	FIRST NAME:	<input type="text" value="Karen"/>
COUNTY:	<input type="text" value="Milam"/>	REGION:	<input type="text" value="7"/>
POSITION:	<input type="checkbox"/> County Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District Clerk	<input type="checkbox"/> Combination Clerk
EMAIL ADDRESS:	<input type="text"/>	PHONE NUMBER:	<input type="text"/>
YEARS IN OFFICE:	<input type="text" value="11"/>	OFFICE PERSONNEL CONTACT:	<input type="text" value="Danica Lara"/>



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="Memorial Committee"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="2017"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text"/>
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LIST OF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES SERVED (CONTINUED)

Committee Name:	<input type="text"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text"/>
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Add additional information if you run out of space or want to add a brief description:

LIST OF OTHER 'ASSOCIATION' NOTABLE SERVICES

Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="CDCAT Member"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="2015- Present"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="Region 7 Member"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="2015 - Present"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="TDCA Member"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="2015 - Present"/>
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LIST OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CIVIC SERVICE

Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="Sts Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="1982-Present"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="Ladies Church Auxiliary"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="1982- Present"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="Cameron Chamber of Commerce Member"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="2010-2013"/>
Committee Name:	<input type="text" value="Cameron ISD Readers Group Member"/>	Year(s) Served:	<input type="text" value="2005"/>

LIST OF PERSONAL INFORMATION AND CIVIC SERVICE (CONTINUED)

Committee Name:	Yoe High Band Booster	Year(s) Served:	2019-2024
Committee Name:	Yoe High Sports Booster Club	Year(s) Served:	2013-2022
Committee Name:	Organizates and Help with many fundraisers	Year(s) Served:	When needed
Committee Name:	Spoke at meeting about the duties of DC	Year(s) Served:	When asked
Committee Name:	Phi Theta Kappa - Temple College	Year(s) Served:	1997
Committee Name:		Year(s) Served:	

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

I love being a District Clerk and serving the people of my county. Being a member of the CDCAT has been an honor for me. We are all in this together and a Clerk Family. What a privilege it is for me to represent Region 7 as the nominee for Clerk of the Year.

I am honored and humbled to be nominated Clerk of the Year for Region 7.

My path has not been a traditional one. I became a mother at a young age and spent many years focused on supporting my family. Once my two children graduated and moved on to college, I made the decision to go back to school myself. In 1997, I earned my Associate’s Degree in Business from Temple College, graduating with honors.

My husband, Floyd, and I have been married for 57 years. Together, we have raised two children who have built meaningful careers of their own. My daughter, Shelly, serves as a Director of Sponsored Research at Texas A&M University, and my son, Sam, is a business owner and serves as Justice of the Peace in Milam County. My son-in-law, Dave, and daughter-in-law, Julie, are a blessing to our family. I am also blessed to be “Gran” to six amazing grandchildren who bring me so much joy.

At the age of 62 I ran and was elected to serve as the Milam County District Clerk. When I was elected, I was going to do 2 terms, in and out. Well, here I am, starting my 4th term next year. It has been a true privilege to serve in this role. During my time as Clerk, I have worked to implement improvements that help our office operate more efficiently and ease the daily workload. I have a wonderful staff who make my job easier. I could not do it without them. I joined CDCAT and love it! The clerks are all like family. I value continuing education and enjoy attending conferences, where I can learn from and visit with other clerks who share the same responsibilities. Building a strong relationship with clerks and vendors across the state has allowed me to continue growing and improving in this position.

It has been a pleasure to serve my community throughout the years as a member and volunteer of many organizations. I am currently a member of St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, Ladies Alter Society, RWMC, Band Booster Club. I am grateful for the opportunity to do this work.

Being considered as Clerk of the Year is something I truly appreciate.