



COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1

**FOR
Collin County, Texas**

**CORINNE MASON
JUDGE PRESIDING**

To: County Judge and Commissioners' Court

From: Judge Corinne Mason, County Court-at-Law Number One

Date: October 1, 2014

Re: PURCHASE OF JUDGE EDITION FOR THE
COUNTY COURT-AT-LAW AUXILIARY COURTROOM

The County Court-at-Law Auxiliary Courtroom on the first floor of the courthouse, which is frequently utilized by both District and County Court-at-Law courts, is currently not equipped with an all-in-one machine for use of Judge Edition. This courtroom is often used for double dockets, jury trials and other overflow needs, including the courtroom AV upgrades currently in progress.

Uniformity throughout the courts, particularly relating to technology, is critical to the efficient and effective administration of justice. Access to Judge Edition throughout all courtrooms ensures that judges can move to other courtrooms when necessary without losing the efficiency of managing their dockets. This is particularly critical in light of the recent e-filing mandates and move to a fully-paperless environment. With the elimination of paper files, it is nearly impossible to operate without the use of Judge Edition to manage dockets.

The County Courts Technology fund has a current balance of \$135,359.54, excluding September revenues. Utilizing monies from this account, funded through court costs rather than taxpayer dollars, will ensure consistency of courtroom technology throughout the courts and provide needed tools for judges to efficiently perform their duties. The bid for purchase of a new all-in-one for Judge Edition, including software license, is \$ 5,554.00.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corinne J. Mason".

**Judge Corinne Mason
Local Administrative Judge**