

**2013 Judicial Salary
Presentation
Legislation Update**

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Commissioners' Court

District Judges

- ❖ Currently, Collin County pays each District Judge an annual supplement of \$14,693 in addition to the \$125,000 each Judge receives from the state.
- ❖ The state has approved an increase of \$15,000 (12%) in the annual salary paid to a District Judge by the state. This increases the state salary paid to a District Judge to \$140,000. This increase takes effect on 9/1/2013. The state last increased District Judge salaries in December 2005.
- ❖ Counties may now increase their county supplement by up to an additional \$3,000 to a new maximum of \$18,000. Supplements are optional and at the discretion of each county.

District Judge Salary Comparison by County

	Collin County	Bexar County	Dallas County	Denton County	El Paso County	Fort Bend County	Harris County	Hidalgo County	Montgomery County	Tarrant County	Travis County	Williamson County
State Salary	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
County Supplement	\$14,693	\$15,000	\$14,959	\$13,939	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Auto Allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10,373	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$139,693	\$140,000	\$139,959	\$139,939	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$150,373	\$135,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000

District Judge Combined Salary Increase History

FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	Total 8 Years	Avg/Year 8 Years
11%	1.9%	0.48%	0.36%	0%	0%	0%	12%*	25.74%	3.22%

District Judge Supplemental Salary Increase History

FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	Total 8 Years	Avg/Year 8 Years
-48.6%	23.4%	5%	3.5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-16.7%	-2.09%

*Increase percentage only applies to September 2013

County Court at Law/Probate Judges

County Court at Law Judges

- ❖ Currently, Collin County has 6 County Court at Law Judges and each Judge is paid \$138,693 which is \$1,000 less than the District Judge's total compensation.
- ❖ As per Sec. 25.005 of the Government Code, a County Court at Law Judge "shall be paid a total annual salary set by the Commissioners' Court at an amount that is not less than \$1,000 less than the total annual salary received by a District Judge."

Probate Judge

- ❖ Collin County has 1 Probate Court Judge and he is currently paid \$139,693 plus an annual supplement of \$4,866 (statutorily required longevity and social security supplement.)
- ❖ As per Sec. 25.0023 of the Government Code, "the Commissioners' Court shall set the annual salary of each judge of a statutory probate court at an amount that is at least equal to the total annual salary received by a District Judge in the county."

Options

Current Annual Salary	\$14,693	\$125,000	\$139,693	\$138,693	\$139,693	-
Option	District Judge (9) Supplement	District Judge (9) State Salary	District Judge (9) Salary Total	County Court at Law Judge (6) Salary	Probate Judge (1) Salary	All Judges Budget Impact 9/2013
Keep Supplement the Same	\$14,693	\$140,000	\$154,693	\$153,693	\$154,693	\$8,970
Increase to \$18,000	\$18,000	\$140,000	\$158,000	\$157,000	\$158,000	\$13,819
Eliminate Supplement	\$0	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$139,000	\$140,000	\$-12,572