



Judge Jennifer Edgeworth
219th Judicial District Court

Dear Judge Hill and Collin County Commissioners,

I am writing to respectfully request permission from the Collin County Commissioners Court to establish a Mental Health Specialty Court through the Office of Court Administration. This request is made pursuant to Chapter 121 of the Texas Government Code.

The Mental Health Specialty Court's mission is to reduce recidivism in our community by emphasizing treatment, stability, and accountability for persons with mental illness. The specialty court will accomplish this by combining mental health treatment with frequent court appearances, home visits, case management, counseling, and community based support. Judge Lance Baxter of County Court at Law 3 and I will work together with the team ultimately assembled for the specialty court. Judge Baxter will address misdemeanor cases and I will address felony cases.

I have included with this cover letter the following documents in support of this request: (1) description of the Mental Health Specialty Court, (2) proposed Mental Health Specialty Court Official Declaration, (3) proposed resolution authorizing the Mental Health Specialty Court, (4) Letter of Support from LifePath Systems for the 219th Judicial District Court, and (5) Letter of Support from LifePath Systems for County Court at Law 3.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Edgeworth".

Judge Jennifer Edgeworth