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## Technology in the Judicial Workplace

Donna Kay M<sup>c</sup>Kinney, Bexar County District Clerk, as a sign of technology becoming ever more prominent in the judicial workplace, has announced, "On Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals issued a mandate for electronic filing (e-filing) in criminal cases along with a graduated schedule of start dates. Counties with a population of 500,000 or more are required to accept e-filings in criminal cases starting July 1, 2017. Efforts will start immediately to ensure a smooth transition and continuous operation during the transition. Our experience over the past two and half years in accepting e-filings in civil cases gives us an advantage in the successful deployment of e-filing in criminal operations. Since having been mandated in 2014, our intake of e-filed civil documents has continued to grow as the judicial workload increases each year. Our office has served over 3,200 unique law firms, agencies, and individuals in the first half of 2016 by accepting more than 115,000 proceedings through the statewide e-filing portal – averaging more than 17,000 each month. This is an increase of more than 16,000 filings over the same time frame in 2015. There is no doubt that technology will continue to play an ever-increasing role in the judicial workplace as criminal e-filing becomes mandated across the entire State of Texas."

<u>Unique Filers</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Jan-Jun 2016</u>
2015	1,415	1,459	1,547	1,487	1,490	1,555	2,956

<u>Processed e-Filings</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	15,049	15,872	18,031	15,389	16,665	18,318	<b>99,324</b>
2016	17,187	18,199	19,947	18,334	19,207	22,862	<b>115,736</b>
<b>Increase</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>2,327</b>	<b>1,916</b>	<b>2,945</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>4,544</b>	<b>16,412</b>