

Donna Kay M^cKinney

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Bexar County District Clerk Donna Kay M^cKinney Receives Statewide Liberty Bell Award from Texas Young Lawyers Association

District Clerk Donna Kay M^cKinney is being honored today by the Texas Young Lawyers Association with the 2013 Liberty Bell Award at the organization's annual awards reception in Dallas.

The Liberty Bell Award is presented to individuals who are not lawyers but who have strengthened the effectiveness of the American justice system through selfless contributions to his or her community. Ms. M^cKinney is the first San Antonian to receive the award in 25 years.

Nominations for the award are submitted by recognized TYLA affiliates or local bar associations. The award recognizes community service that:

- promotes a better understanding of government, especially the Bill of Rights
- Encourages greater respect for the law and the courts
- Stimulates a deeper sense of individual responsibility, so that citizens recognize their duties and their rights
- Contributes to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and
- Instills better understanding and appreciation of the law.

Ms. M^cKinney received the local Liberty Bell Award from the San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association in May for her work to make more of her office's services available electronically. Since taking office in 2011, M^cKinney has consistently improved the functionality of the Bexar County District Clerk's Office by implementing new technology that today's generation of young lawyers has grown accustomed to using on a daily basis.

Additionally, Ms. M^cKinney has made many more records available online, allowing attorneys and citizens to access this information without having to come to the courthouse. All of these endeavors will continue to make the case-filing and recording processes easier for everyone involved while saving time and taxpayer money at the same time.