



OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

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WHAT IS OCA?

- **Texas Government code Chapter 72**
- **Under direction and supervision of Supreme Court and Chief Justice**
 - **Powers and Duties**
 - ❖ **Budgets and expenditures**
 - ❖ **Personnel**
 - ❖ **Consultation and assistance**
 - ❖ **Examine methods and make recommendations**
 - ❖ **Annual Report**
 - ❖ **Rules**
 - ❖ **Grants**
 - ❖ **Data Collection**
 - ❖ **Court fees and costs**
 - ❖ **Electronic Filing System**
 - ❖ **Court Performance Standards**

WHO IS OCA?

- **MISSION**
 - **To provide resources and information for the efficient administration of the Judicial Branch in Texas**
- **Exemplify the highest standards of ethical and professional conduct.**
- **Advocate and practice efficient and collaborative administration**
- **Provide prompt, courteous and competent service**

RESOURCES

- **Trial Courts:**
 - Technical assistance, training, and research on court administration, court interpreters, and funding and standards for indigent defense
- **Appellate and Specialty Courts:**
 - Information technology solutions and fiscal consultation;
- **Judicial Branch Regulatory Boards and Policymaking Bodies:**
 - Staffing and support
- **Specialty Courts and the Regional Presiding Judges:**
 - Staffing and administration

INFORMATION

- **The judicial information website, Texas Courts Online;**
- **Statistics and analysis of court information and case activity;**
- **Descriptions of court system structure and jurisdiction; and**
- **Reports and studies about the courts and judiciary.**



PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- **Judicial Branch Certification Commission**
- **Collections Improvement Program**
- **eFileTexas.gov**
- **Texas Indigent Defense Commission**
- **Texas Court Remote Interpreter Service**

JUDICIAL BRANCH CERTIFICATION COMMISSION

- Established by the Texas Legislature during the 83rd Regular Session to enforce government efficiency and create consistency across the regulated judicial professions.
- The nine members of the commission are appointed by the Supreme Court.
- JBCC oversees the certification, registration and licensing of court reporters and court reporting firms, guardians, process servers, and licensed court interpreters.
- By statute, the commission's operations began on September 1, 2014.

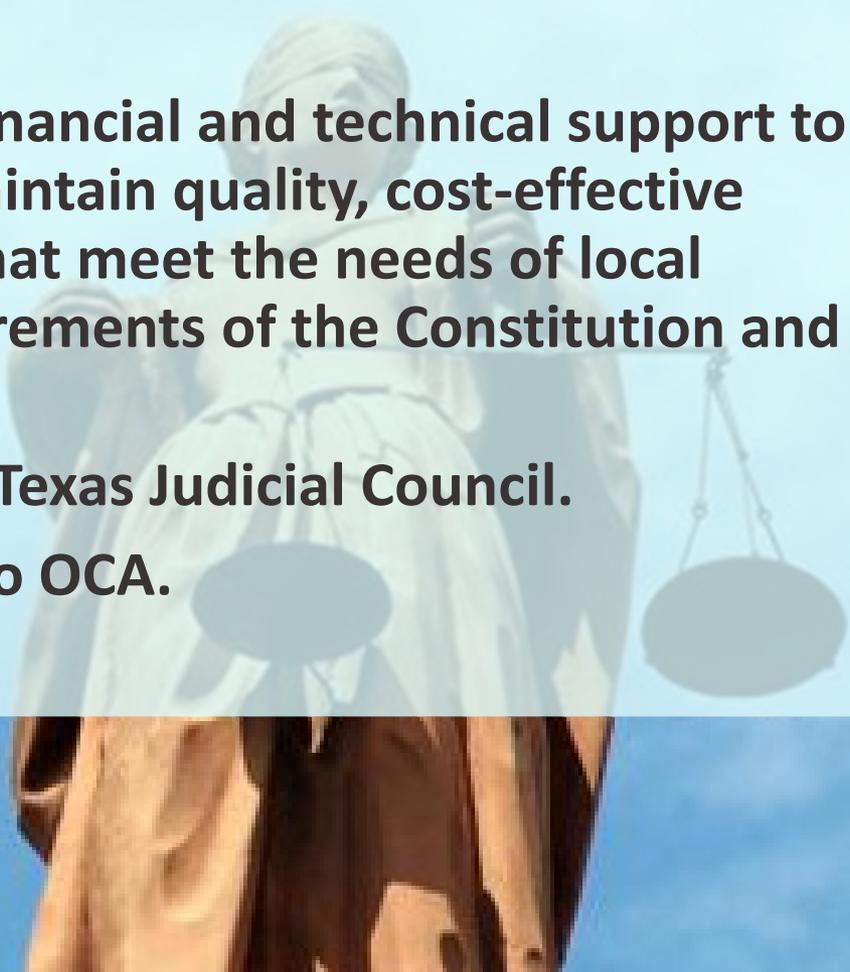
COLLECTIONS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

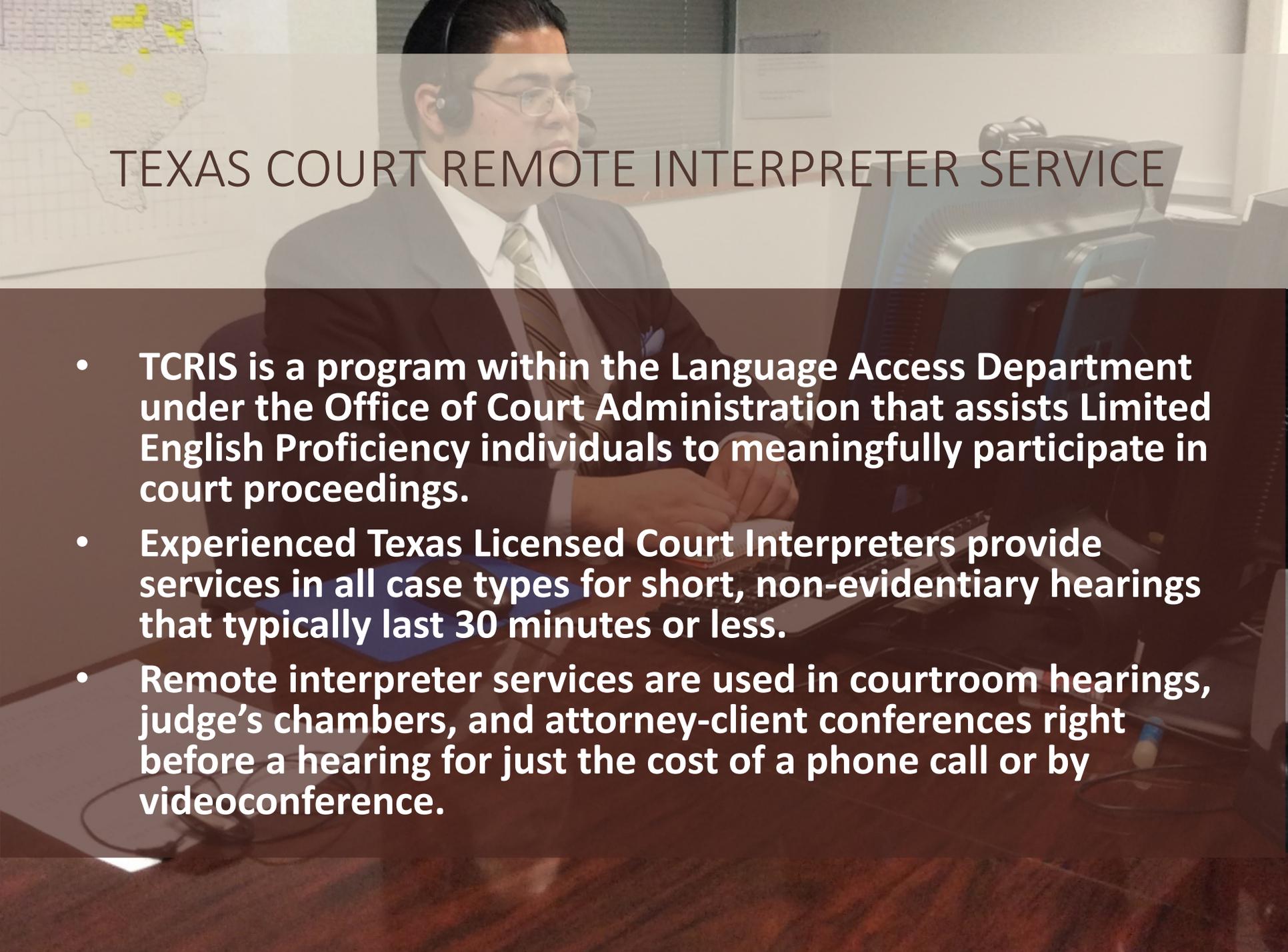
- **OCA's Collection Improvement Program provides a set of principles and processes for managing cases when defendants are not prepared to pay all court costs, fees, and fines in criminal cases at the time of assessment and when time to pay is requested.**
- **All counties and cities required to implement a program have done so.**

EFILE TEXAS

- TX Supreme Court mandated e-filing in civil cases in December 2012 on a rolling schedule based on county population.
- All appellate courts and counties with a population more than 20,000 have implemented e-filing which is mandatory for civil cases statewide on July 1, 2016.
- eFileTexas.gov, is funded through a per-case fee passed by the 83rd Legislature. This allows for the system to be cost neutral for the filer.

TEXAS INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION

- **The commission provides financial and technical support to counties to develop and maintain quality, cost-effective indigent defense systems that meet the needs of local communities and the requirements of the Constitution and state law.**
 - **Standing committee of the Texas Judicial Council.**
 - **Administratively attached to OCA.**
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TEXAS COURT REMOTE INTERPRETER SERVICE

- **TCRIS is a program within the Language Access Department under the Office of Court Administration that assists Limited English Proficiency individuals to meaningfully participate in court proceedings.**
- **Experienced Texas Licensed Court Interpreters provide services in all case types for short, non-evidentiary hearings that typically last 30 minutes or less.**
- **Remote interpreter services are used in courtroom hearings, judge's chambers, and attorney-client conferences right before a hearing for just the cost of a phone call or by videoconference.**

QUESTIONS

