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VIA HAND DELIVERY  
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**REPORT TO WEBB COUNTY**

Dear Webb County Judge and County Commissioners:

Webb County Court-at-Law II (CCL II) continues to strive to become a court of excellence. This is the third monthly report that the Court gives to Webb County.

**Webb County Court-at-Law II is providing closure and judicial resolution of open cases.**

On April 14, when my appointment by the Webb County Judge and Webb Commissioner's Court became effective, there were 6,207 cases open at CCL II. Since then 454 new cases have been filed and assigned to CCL II and the total cases closed since April 14 is now **1,689**. Taking into consideration the cases that have been closed together with the new cases filed there are now 4,329 open.

During my third month 665 cases were closed, of which 261 were criminal cases, 85 juvenile cases, 194 civil cases (20 civil cases filed in the District Clerk's Office and 174 cases filed in the Webb County Clerk's Office), and 125 family law cases. For your convenience, the cases are itemized below.

Case Type	4/14 – 5/12	5/13 – 6/23	6/24 – 7/20	NUMBER
Criminal	215	366	261	842
Juvenile	2	211	85	298
Civil (District Clerk)	7	9	20	36
Civil (County Clerk)	0	33	174	207
Family	53	60	125	238
Guardianship	5	63	0	68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>1,689</b>

**Guardianship Compliance and the Texas Office of Court Administration**

On June 29 two OCA representatives visited CCL II to discuss the Guardianship Compliance Program. They provided information on resolving issues inherited at CCL II, such as unauthorized waived bonds; unfiled initial inventories, annual reports for the person, annual reports of the estate; missing assets and records; and questionable expenditures. For example, they advised that the average age for wards in CCL II cases is 30 and the median age is 24. We are communicating with OCA and are continuing to address open guardianship cases. For example, CCL II is working with guardians to update inventories and annual reports. In fact, the following communication was sent to the Court by a guardian, "Thank you so much for all your help. I really have to say that there is a change in the care given to people. You talk to me and explain what is needed. For that I thank you." Guardians are provided necessary forms via the CCL II website or are emailed the forms. During the next report, information will be provided regarding cases that were previously stagnant that are now in compliance.

**CCL II's DWI Court Graduation**

On July 17, fourteen candidates successfully completed 6-9 months in CCL II's DWI Program and celebrated their graduation as well as celebrate their independence from alcohol addiction. Graduates heard from honored keynote speaker and former Laredo mayor Betty Flores whose message was inspirational. She told graduates how they can be role models for their families and she provided personal, heart-warming examples.

CCL II's DWI Program helps reduce the adverse impact of repeat DWI offenders in the Webb County criminal justice system. All agencies involved concur that a more effective treatment alternative is needed to cope with the problem. The Program channels non-violent defendants, arrested on misdemeanor and/or felony charges, who show signs of an alcohol dependency and a willingness to change their lives. Committing to a goal of sobriety, defendants enter into an intensive program of alcohol treatment and rehabilitation services.

The DWI Court provides a comprehensive treatment and supervision program that helps individuals become better equipped with tools and techniques that allow them to better focus on the underlying reasons behind their recidivism.



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### *The future*

Justice requires efficiency because justice delayed is justice denied. CCL II is committed to equal access to justice for all, fairness, and impartiality. People with cases before CCL II continue to be given opportunities to be heard and to have their days in court. The Webb County Commissioners Court and CCL II share the same goals: improving the quality of life for residents of Webb County, maintaining trust in our systems of government and justice, and earning respect based on measurable and reported results.

Respectfully,

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