Texas Justice Court Training Center
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To Whom It May Concern,

As I’m sure you know, technology continues to play an increasing role in both the education and everyday job duties of the Justices of the Peace. As we move forward into the new academic year, the judges in your county may request use of their technology fund to purchase a laptop or tablet for use in their courts, in the field, and in the classroom during their required training. (Examples of tablets include: Apple’s iPad, Amazon’s Kindle Fire, Google’s Nexus, etc.) We hope that you will provide assistance to them as these requests come to your attention.

This year’s Training Center curriculum focuses heavily on technology including how to use laptops and tablets to access important online and electronic tools and applications. This includes utilizing the new Training Center desk books that will be provided to them on discs or as downloads later this year. The judges will also be able to find legal reference materials online thereby reducing the need to order hard copies of expensive legal books. By having a laptop or tablet, the judges will have access to applications specific to magistration, mental health commitments, and inquests that will help them work more quickly and effectively in the field. Furthermore, several of our classes this year will require the judges to bring their choice of electronic device with them to the seminars for hands-on learning and discussion of ways to utilize technology to improve efficiency in their courts.

In closing, we hope that you recognize the importance of a laptop or tablet for the Justices of the Peace in your County and that you assist them in obtaining this essential piece of equipment for their court. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Training Center. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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