

Our judiciary system has almost zero accountability. There were some good bills going around this last session, but the bills were not enough and WE need to help our legislators by DEMANDING things change.

Mission:	<ul> <li>OUR MISSION of Texans for Judicial Accountability is to:</li> <li>Educate the public about the need for an independent and honorable judiciary and it's indispensability to justice in our society.</li> <li>Educate the public about the need for judges to be faithful to, and maintain professional competence in, the law and should not be swayed by private interests, public clamor, or fear of criticism.</li> <li>Educate the public that judges (i) should perform their duties with respect for others, (ii) should not engage in behavior that is harassing, abusive, prejudiced, or biased, and (iii) should maintain and enforce high standards of conduct and decorum.</li> <li>Advocate for processes and mechanisms aimed at making judges and courts PERSONALLY or institutionally responsible for behaviors and decisions contrary to constitutional or legal standards or that discourage public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judicial system.</li> <li>Advocate for methods and means for achieving greater judicial integrity in the courts of the State of Texas and requiring judges and judicial personnel to be patient, dignified, respectful and courteous to all of those with whom they come in contact.</li> <li>Advocate for a process and means for investigating, disciplining and/or removing judges who are accused of misconduct, a process that is removed from the influence of the judiciary and completely independent to investigate and prosecute rogue judges.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Ways we can change this!</li> <li>Every single complaint needs to be made public, once it has been investigated.</li> </ul>
What we can do:	<ul> <li>Every single conviction of every single complaint needs to be published, along with the consequences given.</li> <li>The Commissioners consist of 13 total members - six appointed by the Supreme Court, five by the Governor and two by the State Bar of Texas. This needs to change to one governing person by the Supreme Court and 12 public citizens by the governor or 12 elected by the State of Texas.</li> <li>The number of staff members for the SCJC needs to increase.</li> <li>Audio and video in every courtroom, easily obtained by the</li> </ul>
	parties of the suit, but not broadcast publicly.

	<ul> <li>Judges should not be allowed to have unreported in camera hearings (private meetings).</li> </ul>
	• We want all JUDGES to be required to validate and publish their rulings, in ALL matters, with a mandatory finding of facts and conclusion of law, for every substantive or final decision made during any case.
	<ul><li>during any case.</li><li>Judges should be allowed to endorse in a court lower than their</li></ul>
Support Needed:	<ul> <li>We will need EVERY county to have a resolution written.</li> <li>We need helpers! Texas is a big state.</li> <li>This is an expensive endeavor. Texans for Judicial Accountability, Inc. has filed as a 501(3)(c). Donations should be tax deductible and are very much appreciated!</li> </ul>

## **Relevant Resources**



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