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Texas Bar Foundation Awards \$30,000 for Continuation of Court Coordinator Certification Program

Huntsville, TX – The Texas Bar Foundation, as part of their 2020 grant awards, has awarded Texas Association for Court Administration (TACA) \$30,789.00 to further their mission of providing continuing education to court coordinators in Texas. The grant will allow TACA to assist court coordinators currently in the process of completing the Institute for Court Management's (ICM) Certified Court Manager Program. Coordinators will attend their final courses and graduation ceremony, to be held in conjunction with TACA's 44th Annual Education Conference this October in Galveston, Texas.

Leslie Hawsey, Certified Court Manager in Marshall County's 71st District Court, and current TACA Board of Directors Chair stated, "Thanks to the Texas Bar Foundation, this grant will allow us to help several Texas coordinators complete their Court Manager certification, a process they began over a year ago. As a graduate of the program myself, the value of the education I have received through TACA's efforts in providing a means for me to complete this national certification are immeasurable."

Ed Wells, Harris County Court Manger and current TACA Chair of Professional Development said, "The importance of the role of court coordinators, administrators, and managers in the administration of justice cannot be overstated." He went further to state, "Education of legal terms and procedure, administrative expertise, balancing competing priorities, navigating changing laws, technology and cultures is of utmost importance in the administration of justice in Texas Courts. With the Texas Bar Foundation's assistance, TACA's dedication to continuing to provide the excellent and established curriculum associated with the national Certified Court Manager program is a value and asset to all of those involved."

Since 2012, TACA has acted in conjunction with ICM to teach selected court staff a 6-course curriculum over a 12-month period that leads to the nationally recognized certification. These individuals are chosen for their length in the profession of court administration, their applicable job duties/skills, and for their initiative and involvement. Instructors for the program include seasoned Judges and Court Administrators. The strength of the program, highlighted by its host of alumni that remain involved to contribute toward the program's success, continue to improve the quality of the administration of justice in the State of Texas. More information can be found at www.mytaca.wildapricot.org and www.ncsc.org

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$21 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation.