Marcus Whitfield

Justice of the Peace

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SUMMARY

Justice of the peace for a precinct of about 60,000 residents since 2021, after seven years as chief deputy clerk of the same court. Hears eviction cases, small claims, debt claims and Class C misdemeanors, gives magistrate warnings at the county jail and conducts inquests.

SKILLS

- **Eviction Cases**
- **Small Claims**
- **Class C Misdemeanors**
- **Magistrate Warnings**
- **Inquests**
- **Texas Rules of Civil Procedure**
- **Court Records Management**
- **Odyssey Case Management**
- **Impartiality**

EXPERIENCE

Justice of the Peace 01/2021 - Present

Justice Court, Precinct 2 San Marcos, TX

Elected justice court with civil, criminal and magistrate duties.

- Preside over about **2,400** filings a year, including eviction cases, small claims and debt claims up to $20,000.
- Hear Class C misdemeanors, truancy and traffic cases, adding payment plans that raised fine collections by 18%.
- Administer magistrate warnings and set bail for 900+ arrestees a year on a rotating overnight jail schedule.
- Conduct death inquests on call, ordering autopsies when the cause is unclear and filing findings within 10 days.

Chief Deputy Clerk 03/2014 - 12/2020

Justice Court, Precinct 2 San Marcos, TX

Ran the clerk's office for the elected justice of the peace.

- Supervised 4 clerks handling court records management, filings and fee collection for **2,000+** cases a year.
- Moved the court's paper files into Odyssey case management, closing a 1,300-file backlog in 8 months.
- Prepared judgments, writs of possession and warrants for signature under the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) 05/2012

Texas State University San Marcos, TX

Criminal Justice

CERTIFICATES

New Justice of the Peace Course (80 Hours)

Texas Justice Court Training Center

04/2021

Annual Justice of the Peace Education (20 Hours)

Texas Justice Court Training Center

08/2026