

LIST OF SOME THINGS COURT PERSONNEL CAN AND CANNOT DO

We can	explain and answer questions about how our particular court works, but not the legal system in general	We cannot	tell you whether or not you should bring your case to court, or whether you are doing the right thing by filing your case in the way you intend
We can	provide the number of the local lawyer referral services, the State Bar of Texas lawyer referral service, and other services where legal information is available.	We cannot	provide you the name of a specific lawyer to hire for your particular case
We can	give general information about court rules, procedures and practices, as well as refer you to our court website or other websites where you may obtain information.	We cannot	tell you what words to use in your court papers. However, we will check your papers for completeness. For example, we check for signatures, notarization, correct county name, correct case number and presence of attachments.
We can	give you a list of common terms and definitions about things that go on in court	We cannot	recommend what to say in court or what evidence to present in court on your behalf.
We can	provide court schedules and information on how to get a case scheduled.	We cannot	give an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.
We can	give you information from your case file.	We cannot	talk to the judge for you or let you talk to the judge in private.
We can	give you samples of court forms that are available, or refer you to websites that contain forms.	We cannot	fill in the forms for you (in most cases) or tell you what to put in the forms
We can	usually answer questions about court deadlines.	We cannot	tell you what deadlines apply in your case.