Judge

Hon. Reagan C. Helm County Criminal Court At Law Number 1

Hon. William Harmon County Criminal Court At Law Number 2

Hon. Donald W. Jackson County Criminal Court At Law Number 3

Hon. James E. Anderson County Criminal Court At Law Number 4

Hon. Margaret S. Harris County Criminal Court At Law Number 5

Hon. Larry Standley County Criminal Court At Law Number 6

Hon. Pam Derbyshire County Criminal Court At Law Number 7

Hon. Jay Karahan County Criminal Court At Law Number 8

Hon. Analia Wilkerson County Criminal Court At Law Number 9

Hon. Sherman A. Ross County Criminal Court At Law Number 10

Hon. Diane Bull County Criminal Court At Law Number 11

Hon. Robin Brown County Criminal Court At Law Number 12

Hon. Mark Atkinson County Criminal Court At Law Number 13

Hon. Mike Fields County Criminal Court At Law Number 14

Hon. Jean Spradling Hughes County Criminal Court At Law Number 15

OFFICE OF COURT MANAGEMENT HARRIS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURTS AT LAW



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that:

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Today, a Harris County grand jury returned an indictment alleging Don Jackson, Judge of Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 3 with the misdemeanor offense of Official Oppression. The grand jury's action is the equivalent of a magistrate finding probable cause to believe the named individual committed a specific offense, and authorizing his or her arrest. The standard bail for such offense is \$1,000 (One Thousand) Dollars.

Article V, Section 1-a, subsection (6) of the Texas Constitution provides

Any person holding an office specified in this subsection may be suspended from office with or without pay by the Commission immediately on being indicted by a State or Federal grand jury for a felony offense or charged with a misdemeanor involving official misconduct.

The district attorney's office will send a copy of the indictment to Seana Willing, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct. The Commission will decide if suspension is appropriate, and if so, if the suspension is with or without pay.

Judge Jackson requested that a special judge be appointed during the pendency of this matter. Judge Jean Spradling Hughes, Presiding Judge of the fifteen Harris County Criminal Courts at Law, will assign a special judge to preside in Court 3 during Judge Jackson's absence.