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## Meet the Winners of Texas Races for Judges of District, Intermediate Appellate Courts

Learn what happened in races for Texas' intermediate appellate courts and for district courts strewn across the state.

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Texas Lawyer is reporting the results of contested primary election races across Texas.

Read on to learn what happened in races for Texas' intermediate appellate courts and district courts strewn across the state.

For the latest tabulations, check the Texas Secretary of State's office website (<https://results.texas-election.com/races>).

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## Intermediate Appellate Courts

### Sixth Court of Appeals in Texarkana

#### Justice, Place 3

Incumbent Justice Ralph K. Burgess has won reelection after running unopposed in the Republican primary. No Democratic candidate is running against him in November.

### Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo

#### Chief Justice

Incumbent Chief Justice Brian Quinn, who ran unopposed in the Republican primary, has won another term in office, as there is no one running on the Democratic side in November.

#### Justice, Place 4

With only 414 votes difference between them, the race between Republican candidates Steven Denny and incumbent Justice Larry Doss is very close, but it appears that Denny has scored the win. No one is running for the seat on the Democratic side in November.

Republican primary results:

- **Denny – 45,891 votes, or 50.2%**
- Doss (incumbent) – 45,477 votes, or 49.8%

### Eighth Court of Appeals in El Paso

#### Chief Justice

Yvonne Rodriguez won the Democratic primary to become a candidate for chief justice on this court. She will compete in November against Republican incumbent Chief Justice Jeff Alley, who ran unopposed in his primary.

Democratic primary results:

- **Rodriguez – 60%**
- Angie Juarez Barill – 40%

## **Ninth Court of Appeals in Beaumont**

### **Chief Justice**

Scott Golemon and Jay Wright, the top two vote-getters in the Republican primary, are headed to a runoff election for this seat. Whoever wins the runoff will win the bench, as there is no Democratic candidate running in November.

Republican primary results:

- **Golemon – 25%**
- **Wright – 25%**
- Chuck “Charles B.” Meyer – 20%
- Colleen Cordts Rice – 16%
- Jarrod Lee Walker – 14%

## **10th Court of Appeals in Waco**

### **Justice, Place 3**

Incumbent Republican Justice John E. Neill has won election after running unopposed in his party’s primary. He won’t face a Democrat in November.

### **Justice, Place 2**

Matt Johnson, who was unopposed in the Republican primary, has won election. He won’t face a Democratic contender in November’s election.

## **11th Court of Appeals in Eastland**

### **Justice, Place 2**

Bruce Williams won the Republican primary and effectively won election as Justice, Place 2. He is not facing a Democratic challenger in November.

Republican primary results:

- **Williams – 75%**
- Frank Hunold – 25%

### **Justice, Place 3**

Without a Republican primary opponent, W. Stacy Trotter has won election to this bench. Trotter doesn’t face a Democratic opponent in November.

## **12th Court of Appeals in Tyler**

## Chief Justice

Incumbent Chief Justice Jim Worthen, who was unopposed in the Republican primary, has won reelection to another term. There is no Democratic candidate challenging him in the November election.

## 13th Court of Appeals in Corpus Christi and McAllen

### Justice, Place 6

The Republican candidate in November will be Clarissa Silva, who will battle for the seat against Democratic candidate Nereida Lopez-Singleterry. Both candidates were unopposed in their primaries.

### Justice, Place 4

Incumbent Justice Jaime Tijerina, who was unopposed in the Republican primary, will compete in November against Democratic challenger Migdalia Lopez, who was also unopposed.

## Collin County District Courts

### 380th District Court

Incumbent Judge Ben Smith won the Republican primary for this bench. He will now compete in the November general election against unopposed Democratic candidate Penny Robe.

Republican primary results:

- **Smith – 82%**
- Melvin Thathiah – 18%

### 401st District Court

Republican primary candidates Sarah Fox and George Flint are headed to a runoff election for this bench. Whoever wins will compete in the November general election against unopposed Democratic candidate Tonya Holt.

Republican primary results:

- **Fox – 40%**
- **Flint – 39.5%**
- Brook Fulks – 20%

## El Paso County District Courts

### 346th District Court

Paty Baca has won election to this bench after winning the Democratic primary. No one is opposing her on the Republican side in the November election.

Democratic primary results:

- **Baca – 57%**
- Ruben Nunez – 43%

### 383rd District Court

Lucila Flores and Lyda Ness Garcia must compete in a runoff election to see who becomes the Democratic candidate for this bench. Whoever wins the runoff will compete in the November general election against Phyllis Martinez Gonzalez, who was unopposed in the Republican primary.

Democratic primary results:

- **Flores – 37%**
- **Garcia – 32%**
- Patrick Bramblett – 31%

### 388th District Court

Marlene Gonzalez and incumbent Judge Laura Strathmann have advanced to a runoff election for this bench. Whoever wins the runoff will win the seat, since there's no one running on the Republican side in November.

Democratic Primary results:

- **Gonzalez – 43%**
- **Strathman (incumbent) – 40%**
- Ricardo "Rick" Rios – 17%

### 448th District Court

Incumbent Judge Sergio H. Enriquez won reelection after finding victory in the Democratic primary. No one is challenging him as a Republican in November.

Democratic primary results:

- **Enriquez – 54%**
- Abe Gonzalez – 46%

### El Paso County Criminal District Court No. 1

Incumbent Judge Diane Rosaura Navarrete has won reelection to her bench after winning the Democratic primary. No one is running against her in November on the Republican side.

Democratic primary results:

- **Navarrete – 68%**
- Octavio A. Dominguez – 32%

## Fort Bend County District Courts

### 387th District Court

After winning the Democratic primary, Janet Buening Heppard will compete in the November general election against incumbent Judge Brenda Mullinix, who was unopposed in the Republican primary.

Democratic primary results:

- **Heppard – 67%**
- Jamie Zand – 34%

### **400th District Court**

Tameika Carter has won the Democratic primary, and now will compete in the November general election against incumbent Judge Maggie Jaramillo, who was unopposed in her primary.

Democratic primary results:

- **Carter – 74%**
- Derek Obialo – 26%

### **434th District Court**

Christian Becerra has won the Democratic primary for this bench, and goes on to face incumbent Judge James H. “Jim” Shoemake in the November election.

Democratic primary results:

- **Becerra – 57%**
- Oscar M. Telfair III – 43%

### **505th District Court**

Kali Morgan and Surendran K. Pattel are headed for a runoff as the top two vote-getters in the Democratic primary. Whoever wins the runoff will challenge incumbent Republican Judge David S. Perwin in the November general election.

Democratic primary results:

- **Morgan – 45%**
- Pattel – 30%
- Daniel Lee – 25%

## **Cameron County District Courts**

### **138th District Court**

Democratic candidates Helen Delgadillo and Gabriela “Gabby” Garcia are headed to a runoff election as the top two vote-getters in a three-way race. The runoff will decide the election, since no one is running on the Republican side in November.

Democratic primary results:

- **Garcia – 48%**
- **Delgadillo – 31%**
- Myles R. Garza – 21%

### **404th District Court**

Ricardo M. Adobbati has won the Democratic primary, and will win this bench, as no one is running on the Republican side in November.

Democratic primary results:

- **Adobbati – 59%**
- Louis Sorola – 41%

## Lubbock County District Courts

### 99th District Court

A runoff election between Republican candidates Kara L. Darnell and Phillip Hays will decide who presides over this bench, as there is no Democratic candidate running in November.

Republican primary results:

- **Darnell – 42%**
- **Hays – 30%**
- Mark McBrayer – 18%
- John Grace – 9%

### 140th District Judge

The top two vote-getters in the Republican primary, Douglas H. Freitag and Tom Brummett, are now headed for a runoff election. Whoever wins the runoff will win the seat, as there is no Democratic challenger in November.

Republican primary results;

- **Freitag – 45%**
- **Brummett – 26%**
- Robert Sullivan – 18%
- Ryan C. Gentry – 11%

## District Courts Spread Across Texas

### 335th District Court in Bastrop County

Incumbent Judge Reva L. Towslee Corbett has won reelection to her bench after winning the Republican primary. There's no Democratic contender in the November election.

Republican primary results:

- **Corbett – 62%**
- Charles W. Carver – 38%

### 142nd District Court in Midland County

A runoff election between Republican candidates David G. Rogers and Mary Baker will decide who presides over this court, since no Democratic challenger is running in November.

Republican Primary results:

- **Rogers – 48%**
- **Baker – 41%**
- Wayne Frost – 11%

### **347th District Court in Nueces County**

Incumbent Judge Missy Medary won the Republican primary by a landslide. Now she will compete in the November general election against Deborah Rios, who was unopposed in the Democratic primary.

Republican primary results:

- **Medary – 80%**
- Guy Williams – 20%

### **50th District Court in Baylor County**

Jennifer A. Habert has won election to this court after winning the Republican primary, as there is no Democratic challenger in November.

Republican primary results:

- **Habert – 58%**
- Lina R. Trevino – 42%

### **402nd District Court in Wood County**

J. Brad McCampbell has won the Republican primary, and ousted an incumbent judge in the process. McCampbell will take the bench, as there is no Democratic contender running in November.

Republican primary results:

- **McCambell – 54%**
- Jeff Fletcher (incumbent) – 46%

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