



## 2024-2025 CDCAT President John F. Warren

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Greetings everyone!

It is my distinct honor to serve as the president of the County and District Clerk's Association of Texas, CDCAT.

County and district clerks serve a vital role in local government. The role of the "clerk" was established in Article 5, Sections 9 and 20 of the Texas Constitution in 1876. As the custodian of records, the role of clerk in local government ensures transparency in all matters directly affecting and impacting the citizens of our 254 counties across the state.

As clerk of the court, recorder of deeds, registrar of vital records, local elections, and everything in between, the county and district clerks provide services that directly impact the lives of the citizens of our counties. In most instances, those citizens are not aware until circumstances arise in their lives. To that end, we stand as servant leaders, willing and ready to serve. To achieve that readiness, as elected officials who work directly with and for our citizens; having an intimate knowledge of how laws impact the lives of those citizens, we work with our county commissioners, other county departments, the state legislature, Texas Supreme Court, and other entities in drafting legislation to improve the lives of those we serve.

This year, my goal is for us to be even more effective in our roles and to provide Texas county and district clerks with the resources, education, and training to meet the ever changing needs our citizens face daily. We stand firm in our belief that as elected officials in our counties, we are truly "of the people, by the people" and certainly, "for the people!"

I am truly humbled and honored to be entrusted to lead this exceptional association; standing on the front line of local government with my 445 colleagues in our 254 counties in serving our communities; "254 Strong", and certainly to leave our county and office better than we found it.

John F. Warren  
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CDCAT President 2024-2025