

# SAN ANTONIO BAR ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A UNIFORM STATEWIDE COURT CASE RECORD ACCESS SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system has been benefiting the public and legal system by providing access to federal court documents for nearly twenty years;

WHEREAS, there is no uniform, readily accessible means of accessing court case documents in Texas;

WHEREAS, court records are constitutionally and statutorily open documents that are required to be available to attorneys and the public;

WHEREAS, litigants and lawyers would benefit from a uniform, state-wide system for accessing electronic court records;

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has implemented re:SearchTX as a statewide portal to access court records for judges and will soon consider expanding that access to attorneys;

WHEREAS, the San Antonio Bar Association believes that re:SearchTX will be a tremendous benefit to its members and the litigants they serve;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Antonio Bar Association supports the implementation and expansion of the re:SearchTX statewide court case records access system and urges the Texas Legislature and Supreme Court of Texas to support the initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Antonio Bar Association urges the county clerks and district clerks of Texas to support the re:SearchTX statewide court case records access system initiative and work to see its full implementation without delay.

Passed and Approved by the San Antonio Bar Association on this the 2nd day of February, 2017.

  
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