**Panel Roundtable Handout**

**Grant Sources**

* Federal— <https://www.grants.gov/>
* State--Office of the Governor --egrants-- <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov/fundopp.aspx>
  + TxDOT--egrants
* Council of Governments
* Bureau of Justice Assistance--Subscribe to Newsletter for Funding Updates--Website:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current> and other social media

* Texas LESO Program -- <https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/texas-leso-program/texas-leso-program>
* Office of Justice Programs-- <https://www.ojp.gov/funding>
* Rural Development—U.S. Dept. of Agriculture -- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

**Other County Offices**

* County Partners & Stakeholders
* Auditors
* Commissioners
* County/District Attorneys
* Local Mental Health Authority
* Other Law Enforcement

**Online Resources Explored**

Be Wary of Google! Online search engines may be jumping off point, but always find and confirm your answer in official sources of law (Deskbooks will cite to these).

Rely on information found in statutes, rules, opinions, cases, or the constitution.

**Resources**

* [www.txcourts.gov](http://www.txcourts.gov)
  + Texas Rules of Civil Procedure (TRCP)
* [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)
  + Texas Constitutions
  + Attorney General Opinions
  + Caselaw
  + Administrative Code
  + Rules of Evidence
* TJCTC website ([www.tjctc.org](http://www.tjctc.org))
  + Texas Civil Process Field Guide
  + Deskbooks
  + Legal Question Board/Legal Calls
  + Forms
  + Newsletters and other publications

**TJCTC Deskbooks --** <https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/Deskbooks.html>

Deskbooks are listed by category – will explain how things work and will refer to and cite the applicable laws and rules. Areas Covered include:

* Administrative Proceedings
* Civil
* Criminal
* Evictions
* Fines, Fees, and Costs
* Inquests
* Juvenile
* Magistration
* Officeholding and Ethics
* Recordkeeping & Reporting
* Trial Notebook
* Civil Process Field Guide
* Practical Guide to Writs of Execution

**TJCTC Legal Question Board & Legal Questions via Phone**-- <https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/legal-question-board.html>

* Legal Question Board (only TJCTC staff can see who has posted):
  + First search for questions that have already been answered.
  + Questions typically answered within five business days.
* Legal Questions via Phone
  + This is for questions that aren’t practical to post on the board.
  + When we are in the office, we are on the phone all day – leave a detailed message.
  + Please only call ext. 1. If you call an attorney who is not on calls that day, it will be forwarded.

**Forms** -- <https://www.tjctc.org/tjctc-resources/forms.html>

**People Asking You Legal Advice**

* County Website
* Self-Represented Litigant (SRL) Packets: <https://www.tjctc.org/SRL.html>
* Texas Bar Association Referral:
  + 1.800.252.9690
  + <https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Lawyer_Referral_Service_LRIS_>
* Legal Aid Referral (area specific)
  + Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid - 1.888.988.9996
  + Lone Star Legal Aid - 1.713.652.0077
  + Legal Aid of Northwest Texas - 1.888.529.5277