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Burleson's Municipal Court has a few things to brag about.

Constance White, director of court services for the City of Burleson, was one of eight honored by the Texas Court Clerks Association (TCCA) for extraordinary achievement in 2012. And, White, along with one of her court clerks, earned their certifications through the Texas Municipal Court Clerks Certification program. White achieved Level II and Anna Paniagua earned Level I certification. White is now striving for Level III.

The Extraordinary Achievement award bestowed on White recognizes an individual in the court profession, serving in a non-judicial capacity, who has continually demonstrated through commitment, extraordinary performance in the development of a program, task performed, involvement in or action on behalf of the association that benefits the entire membership on an ongoing basis. Recipients of this award must have earned the Distinguished Service Award previously. This award may be received only one time.

The 2012 Texas Court Clerks Association Extraordinary Achievement Award recipients include White, Kathy Collie (City of Gonzales), Dianna Faulkenberry (City of Decatur), Sue Kennedy (City of Lewisville), Elaine Biles (City of Arlington), Brenda Clemmons (City of Van), Melissa Pace (City of Haltom City) and Christine Valdovino (City of Round Rock).

White's work with the TCCA's bylaw committee and her work in creating the ethics committee with the TCCA contributed to the honor. She is also a faculty member with the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center where she teaches classes for regional court clerks seminars and she assists clerks with study prep sessions for the Level I and Level II certifications.

White is currently a director at large, serving her second two-year term, for the TCCA. She is also the chair of the bylaw committee and she is the TCCA historian.

The Texas Municipal Court Clerks Certification program includes three levels of certification with an exam and annual training requirements for each level. The certification program emphasizes professionalism and a knowledgeable, professional court staff.

White was hired by Burlison in June 2008 and became the City's first director of court services. Prior to Burlison, she worked for the City of McKinney for four years as a court administrator and for the City of Plano for two-and-one-half years as a court supervisor.

The Burlison Municipal Court has jurisdiction over Class C misdemeanors issued by City police officers, code enforcement officers, animal control officers, and the fire marshal. The court clerk's office is responsible for processing the clerical work of the Municipal Court, setting trial dockets, collecting court fines and fees, maintaining court records, and performing administrative duties delegated by the Municipal Court judge.