



## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

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Child Protective Services Attorneys,

The Texas Practice Guide for Child Protective Services Attorneys was launched in 2009 as a measure of support for the County and District Attorneys and Regional Attorneys who represent Child Protective Services across Texas. With many updates since that time, the Practice Guide is an ongoing effort to condense the expanding universe of information child protection attorneys need to do this important work.

Another tool designed to make your work easier is the automated HOTDOCS system which facilitates production of pleadings and orders. If your office doesn't use HOTDOCS, I urge you to consider how this system can benefit your practice. Aside from streamlining document production, HOTDOCS includes regular updates incorporating federal and state law requirements, eliminating many potential pitfalls without any additional work for the user. To find out more about this system, contact this office at (512) 438-5606.

Most important, know that we appreciate your skills, persistence, integrity, judgment and hard work. Your work makes a huge difference for the children and families of Texas and we are tremendously grateful for all that you do.

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