

What is a County Judge?

Depending on the size of the county, the county judge has a wide range of judicial and administrative duties and is the presiding officer of the commissioners' court.

What Does a County Judge Do in Texas?

- Presiding officer of the commissioners' court.
- Represents the county in many administrative functions.
- Serves as budget officer in counties with fewer than 225,000 residents.
- Most have broad judicial duties, such as presiding over misdemeanor criminal and small civil cases, probate matters and appeals from the Justice of the Peace Court.
- Serves as head of emergency management.

For more complete information about the responsibilities of a county judge and other county officials see the "[Guide to Texas Laws for County Officials](#)."