

Poll Summary - Generated by BallotBox (www.BallotBoxOnline.com)
 Name 2010 Austin Bar Association Court System Questionnaire
 Description Travis County is preparing a Strategic Needs Analysis and Facilities Master Plan for its Central Campus to plan for the appropriate space for county services in the downtown area, from today until 2035. The Analysis and Plan includes consideration of a new civil courthouse. Input from area attorneys is key in creating a courthouse that meets the current and future needs of the citizens of Travis County. To participate in this process, please complete the following questions. The survey should take less than 5 minutes.

 If you have further comments about the courthouse plans, would like to participate in the Courthouse Subcommittee, or would like to publicly share your experiences with the current courthouse, please contact Kat Hinson directly at kat@austinbar.org.
 Online Voting 05/05/10 04:30pm CDT to 05/13/10 12:00pm CDT

Voter Information
 Eligible Voters 4154 % of eligible voters
 Cast Online Ballots 557 13.41%
 Blank Online Ballots 39 0.94%

Report Information
 Report Generated 05/13/10 12:17pm CDT

1. Changes in the Current System		1. What changes/additions are needed in the current system?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	MULTIPLE	Additional parking	453	81.33%	23.09%
No. of Respondents	557	Conference rooms	355	63.73%	18.09%
		More modern/bigger courthouse	276	49.55%	14.07%
		Better cafeteria	224	40.22%	11.42%
		More accessible technology	213	38.24%	10.86%
		Additional civil and criminal district courts	123	22.08%	6.27%
		More research tools	113	20.29%	5.76%
		Better sound insulation	92	16.52%	4.69%
		Better security	46	8.26%	2.34%
		Other: _____	67	12.03%	3.41%
			1962		100.00%

2. Changes in the Current System - ranked		2. Of those in the above list, please rank your top three in order of most important.	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	PREFERENCE	1st Choice			
No. of Respondents	557	1st - Additional parking	179	32.14%	35.17%
		1st - More modern/bigger courthouse	167	29.98%	32.81%
		1st - Conference rooms	54	9.69%	10.61%
		1st - More accessible technology	42	7.54%	8.25%
		1st - Additional civil and criminal district courts	31	5.57%	6.09%
		1st - Better cafeteria	14	2.51%	2.75%
		1st - More research tools	13	2.33%	2.55%
		1st - Better security	6	1.08%	1.18%
		1st - Better sound insulation	3	0.54%	0.59%
			509	91.38%	100.00%
		2nd Choice			
		2nd - Additional parking	141	25.31%	29.25%
		2nd - Conference rooms	117	21.01%	24.27%
		2nd - More accessible technology	68	12.21%	14.11%
		2nd - More modern/bigger courthouse	53	9.52%	11.00%
		2nd - Additional civil and criminal district courts	29	5.21%	6.02%
		2nd - More research tools	27	4.85%	5.60%
		2nd - Better cafeteria	26	4.67%	5.39%
		2nd - Better security	11	1.97%	2.28%
		2nd - Better sound insulation	10	1.80%	2.07%
			482	86.54%	100.00%
		3rd Choice			
		3rd - Conference rooms	105	18.85%	25.55%
		3rd - Additional parking	72	12.93%	17.52%
		3rd - Better cafeteria	63	11.31%	15.33%
		3rd - More accessible technology	58	10.41%	14.11%
		3rd - More research tools	31	5.57%	7.54%
		3rd - Additional civil and criminal district courts	30	5.39%	7.30%
		3rd - More modern/bigger courthouse	27	4.85%	6.57%
		3rd - Better sound insulation	18	3.23%	4.38%
		3rd - Better security	7	1.26%	1.70%
			411	73.79%	100.00%

3. Courthouse Travis County should replicate		3. What courthouse(s) contain design elements that should be included in any new/updated Travis County facility?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
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Question Type	TEXT	Harris County	29	5.21%	13.49%
No. of Respondents	557	Harris County Civil Courthouse	16	2.87%	7.44%
		Harris County District Court	4	0.72%	1.86%
		Harris County, Dallas County	2	0.36%	0.93%
		Harris County, Williamson County	2	0.36%	0.93%
		Williamson County	17	3.05%	7.91%
		<i>Other responses were wide range; summary to come</i>	145	26.03%	67.44%
			215	38.60%	100.00%

4. Features to be included		4. What features should be included in a new/updated court facility?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	MULTIPLE	Adequate dedicated parking	413	74.15%	13.93%
No. of Respondents	557	Conference rooms	361	64.81%	12.18%
		Attorney lounge with wireless/printer access	348	62.48%	11.74%
		Size of courtrooms reflective of court needs	305	54.76%	10.29%
		Tech support & computer access	287	51.53%	9.68%
		Audio/visual aid facilities	267	47.94%	9.01%
		Law library	203	36.45%	6.85%
		Designated waiting areas	202	36.27%	6.82%
		Mediation Rooms	198	35.55%	6.68%
		Jury facilities	178	31.96%	6.01%
		Common areas	162	29.08%	5.47%
		Other: _____	40	7.18%	1.35%
			2964		100.00%

5. Features to be Included - ranked		5. Of those in the above list, please rank your top three in order of most important.	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	PREFERENCE	1st Choice			
No. of Respondents	557	1st - Adequate dedicated parking	189	33.93%	40.21%
		1st - Size of courtrooms reflective of court needs	88	15.80%	18.72%
		1st - Conference rooms	49	8.80%	10.43%
		1st - Attorney lounge with wireless/printer access	49	8.80%	10.43%
		1st - Audio/visual aid facilities	29	5.21%	6.17%
		1st - Tech support & computer access	28	5.03%	5.96%
		1st - Law library	12	2.15%	2.55%
		1st - Designated waiting areas	11	1.97%	2.34%
		1st - Mediation Rooms	8	1.44%	1.70%
		1st - Jury facilities	6	1.08%	1.28%
		1st - Common areas	1	0.18%	0.21%
			470	84.38%	100.00%
		2nd Choice			
		2nd - Conference rooms	75	13.46%	16.52%
		2nd - Adequate dedicated parking	75	13.46%	16.52%
		2nd - Attorney lounge with wireless/printer access	72	12.93%	15.86%
		2nd - Tech support & computer access	60	10.77%	13.22%
		2nd - Size of courtrooms reflective of court needs	46	8.26%	10.13%
		2nd - Audio/visual aid facilities	38	6.82%	8.37%
		2nd - Law library	27	4.85%	5.95%
		2nd - Jury facilities	23	4.13%	5.07%
		2nd - Designated waiting areas	20	3.59%	4.41%
		2nd - Mediation Rooms	14	2.51%	3.08%
		2nd - Common areas	4	0.72%	0.88%
			454	81.51%	100.00%
		3rd Choice			
		3rd - Attorney lounge with wireless/printer access	94	16.88%	21.76%
		3rd - Conference rooms	67	12.03%	15.51%
		3rd - Adequate dedicated parking	45	8.08%	10.42%
		3rd - Tech support & computer access	42	7.54%	9.72%
		3rd - Size of courtrooms reflective of court needs	37	6.64%	8.56%
		3rd - Audio/visual aid facilities	33	5.92%	7.64%
		3rd - Mediation Rooms	32	5.75%	7.41%
		3rd - Designated waiting areas	29	5.21%	6.71%
		3rd - Law library	23	4.13%	5.32%
		3rd - Jury facilities	19	3.41%	4.40%
		3rd - Common areas	11	1.97%	2.55%
			432	77.56%	100.00%

6. Impact to practice if county and district courts were located		6. Impact to your practice if county and district courts were located away from each other:	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	SINGLE	None	302	54.22%	60.52%
No. of Respondents	557	Inconvenient	150	26.93%	30.06%
		Big problem	47	8.44%	9.42%
		<i>Not answered</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>10.41%</i>	
			499	89.59%	100.00%
7-a. Are current courtrooms adequate for jury trials?		7-a. Are current courtrooms adequate for jury trials?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	SINGLE	Yes	171	30.70%	41.11%
No. of Respondents	557	No	245	43.99%	58.89%
		<i>Not answered</i>	<i>141</i>	<i>25.31%</i>	
			416	74.69%	100.00%
7-b. If no, why not?		7-b. If no, why not?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	MULTIPLE	No parking	173	31.06%	23.07%
No. of Respondents	557	Too small	148	26.57%	19.73%
		Poor jury facilities	93	16.70%	12.40%
		No conference rooms	92	16.52%	12.27%
		Insufficient technical capabilities	88	15.80%	11.73%
		Bad AC & heat	79	14.18%	10.53%
		Poor lighting	54	9.69%	7.20%
		Other: _____	23	4.13%	3.07%
			750		100.00%
8. Would you support a bond package for a new courthouse?		8. Would you support a bond package for a new courthouse?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	SINGLE	Yes	381	68.40%	83.01%
No. of Respondents	557	No	78	14.00%	16.99%
		<i>Not answered</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>17.59%</i>	
			459	82.41%	100.00%
9. If a new courthouse is built, where should it be located?		9. If a new courthouse is built, where should it be located?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	SINGLE	Anywhere Downtown	233	41.83%	48.95%
No. of Respondents	557	Downtown next to the Criminal Justice Center and current civil courthouse	204	36.62%	42.86%
		Anywhere outside of downtown	39	7.00%	8.19%
		<i>Not answered</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>14.54%</i>	
			476	85.46%	100.00%
10. Which offices should remain in close proximity to one another?		10. Here is a list of current offices involved in the court system. Should any of these be located in proximity to each other? * Justice of the Peace courts * County courts * Family courts * Child Protective Services * General Civil courts * Court administrative services * Domestic Relations Office * Criminal Courts * Doesn't matter	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	TEXT				
No. of Respondents	557	<i>Wide variety of answers; summary to come</i>			
11. Top priorities in plan for court facilities		11. What are your top priorities for new/upgraded Travis County court facilities?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	SINGLE	Parking	179	32.14%	36.68%
No. of Respondents	557	Convenience	170	30.52%	34.84%
		Cost/affordability	82	14.72%	16.80%
		Green building	56	10.05%	11.48%
		Traffic	1	0.18%	0.20%
		<i>Not answered</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>12.39%</i>	
			488	87.61%	100.00%
12. Importance of new courthouse		12. Do you have an experience that best conveys the importance of needing a new courthouse?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	TEXT				
No. of Respondents	557	<i>Wide variety of answers; summary to come.</i>			

1. Practice Areas		1. Practice Areas	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	MULTIPLE	Civil	464	83.30%	87.88%
No. of Respondents	557	Criminal	34	6.10%	6.44%
		Both	30	5.39%	5.68%
			528		100.00%

2. Areas of Specialty		2. Areas of Specialty	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	MULTIPLE	Personal Injury, Insurance & Workers Comp	96	17.24%	8.83%
No. of Respondents	557	Family	92	16.52%	8.46%
		General Business	99	17.77%	9.11%
		Litigation	292	52.42%	26.86%
		Administrative	75	13.46%	6.90%
		Probate & Estate Planning	65	11.67%	5.98%
		Labor/Employment	54	9.69%	4.97%
		Malpractice	24	4.31%	2.21%
		Real Estate	51	9.16%	4.69%
		Tax	11	1.97%	1.01%
		IP	16	2.87%	1.47%
		Lobbying & Public Policy	10	1.80%	0.92%
		Bankruptcy	18	3.23%	1.66%
		Tort Defense	43	7.72%	3.96%
		Dispute Resolution	18	3.23%	1.66%
		Oil & Gas	21	3.77%	1.93%
		Construction	38	6.82%	3.50%
		School	9	1.62%	0.83%
		Appellate	55	9.87%	5.06%
			1087		100.00%

3. Court in Which Most Time Spent		3. In which court in do you spend the most time?	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	MULTIPLE	District	383	68.76%	66.96%
No. of Respondents	557	County	69	12.39%	12.06%
		Family	65	11.67%	11.36%
		Probate	46	8.26%	8.04%
		Justice of the Peace	9	1.62%	1.57%
			572		100.00%

4. Number of Attorneys in Office		4. Number of attorneys in your office	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	MULTIPLE	Fewer than 5	223	40.04%	43.13%
No. of Respondents	557	5 to 10	80	14.36%	15.47%
		11 to 25	53	9.52%	10.25%
		More than 25	161	28.90%	31.14%
			517		100.00%

5. Location of Office		5. Location of your office	Number of Votes	% of Respondents	% of Answers
Question Type	MULTIPLE	Downtown	331	59.43%	62.69%
No. of Respondents	557	Central	55	9.87%	10.42%
		North	31	5.57%	5.87%
		West	17	3.05%	3.22%
		South	17	3.05%	3.22%
		Northwest	45	8.08%	8.52%
		Southwest	28	5.03%	5.30%
		East	4	0.72%	0.76%
			528		100.00%

Legend	
Question Type	Type of question (BOOLEAN, RANK, SINGLE, MULTIPLE, PREFERENCE, MEMO or TEXT)
No. of Respondents	Number of voters eligible to answer this question (based on conditional ballot page logic)
Condition: ...	Condition required for question to be included in the poll (only for questions on conditional ballot pages)
% of Ballots	% of voters eligible to answer this question (only for questions on conditional ballot pages)
Number of Votes	Number of ballots that selected a particular answer
Number of Votes - Total	Number of selected answers - excluding 'not answered'
% of Respondents	% of voters who were eligible to answer this question and who selected a particular answer
% of Respondents - Total	% of respondents who selected an answer (excludes 'not answered')
% of Answers	% of votes for a particular answer (always totals to 100%)
Write-in response	A write-in response to a SINGLE or MULTIPLE question
Not Answered	The 'not answered' option for an optional question (actual text specified by the poll designer)