



CLAIM from Kent Campaign: In fact, the active docket of the Court is 63% civil cases, compared to 37% criminal cases.

✓**This is simply not true.** Actual court information from the last SIX years proves that **62% of the cases filed and disposed were CRIMINAL cases**, while 38% were civil cases.

✓PROOF

On December 4, 2019, the Jackson campaign filed a public information request with Smith County requesting the following information from 2014 through 2019:

- Number of civil cases filed in the 114th District Court
- Number of criminal cases filed in the 114th District Court
- Number of civil cases disposed in the 114th District Court
- Number of criminal cases disposed in the 114th District Court

The following data was provided by Assistant District Attorney Thomas Wilson, the public information officer:

Types of Cases	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total # cases: 6 years	Total Civil & Criminal	% of Total Cases
Number of civil cases filed in the 114th District Court	368	359	373	458	401	540	2499	6564	0.380713
Number of criminal cases filed in the 114th District Court	744	795	695	591	598	642	4065		0.619287
Number of civil cases disposed in the 114th District Court	347	361	316	392	346	225	1987	5296	0.375189
Number of criminal cases disposed in the 114th District Court	476	488	611	601	524	609	3309		0.624811

We agree that state civil experience is important. Therefore, the Jackson Campaign requested public records related to the number of cases on which Jackson and Kent were listed as Attorney of Record.

✓ As of September 23, 2019, those totals are as follows:

- **State Civil Cases**

- Austin Reeve Jackson – 94 total* (44 in Smith County)
- Jarad Kent – 27 total (8 in Smith County)

* This number excludes sealed civil cases Reeve Jackson has handled, which easily takes the number over 100 total cases.

Therefore, even if your primary concern is civil experience – **Reeve Jackson still has more.**

CLAIM: Unlike Mr. Jackson, Jared's practice has not relied upon any taxpayer dollars or court appointments. Rather, Jared, as a partner with the law firm of Chamblee Ryan, has built a private practice creating jobs here in East Texas.

✓ As Reeve Jackson has stated several times throughout this campaign, he views his opportunity to practice law as another way to live out his faith; therefore, he does represent “the least of these,” but the court-assigned legal appointments (indigents) are a small fraction of his total business. **He is the only candidate that has truly built a small business from the ground up, investing his own money and making difficult decisions to ensure it continues to grow year after year.**

✓ Further, as the data above shows, very little of Kent’s practice is in Smith County (specifically, just 8 cases). In fact, even as of this month, Kent reported to the State Bar of Texas that his primary practice location is Dallas. (Once we started pointing this out, his practice area was suddenly updated, **but not the address on the State Bar website.**) The following is a screenshot from 2/10/20. **It is difficult to believe an attorney whose primary practice is in Dallas is creating jobs in Smith County.**

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• **JARAD LEE KENT**

Chamblee Ryan, P.C.

Primary Practice Location: Dallas, TX
2777 N Stemmons Fwy
Dallas, TX 75207

Practice Areas: Business, Construction, Health Care, Insurance, Litigation: Commercial, Litigation: Personal Injury

Reeve Jackson has not only built his business here, but he's given back to the community here. For example, **he and his dad started a clinic to provide free legal services to Smith County veterans.** He has served on the boards for Smith County Young Lawyers and the Smith County Bar Association, and he has given hundreds of hours of *pro-bono* (without charge) legal services to nonprofits and religious organizations across Smith County.

CLAIM: Mr. Kent has also been endorsed by former Smith County District Attorney Matt Bingham, former Smith County assistant District Attorney David Dobbs, former State Bar President and respected criminal defense attorney Buck Files, among many others. Jarad was selected by his peers for inclusion of the 2020 list of Best Lawyers in America for Civil Litigation and has been selected six times to Texas Super Lawyers' list of Rising Stars.

✓Reeve is highly respected in Smith County and beyond. He has the endorsement of the current Smith County Bar Association President, Danny Noteware, as well as the Smith County Bar Foundation President, Shannon Dacus. Williamson County District Attorney Shawn Dick endorsed Reeve, saying, *"When I needed a special prosecutor to handle a very serious, very complex case, Reeve Jackson was the first person I called. I knew he had the knowledge, work ethic, and experience necessary for the job. Reeve is one of the hardest working, most intelligent attorneys I have ever met. He will make a great District Judge."*

Regarding legal awards, Reeve Jackson has earned the following:

- **Nine-time Texas Super Lawyer Rising Star:** 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- Member, Texas Bar Foundation, which is the top 1/3 of 1% of Texas attorneys
- 2013 Smith County Young Lawyer of the Year
- Board Certified in Criminal Trial Law and Board Certified in Criminal Appellate Law (less than 10% of attorneys in Texas are double-board certified)

CLAIM: Jarad Kent is also a lifetime conservative Republican. This is in contrast to Mr. Jackson who was President of the Texas Tech Law School Democrats and voted in 5 consecutive democratic primaries between 2000 and 2010. Mr. Jackson voted in the 2012 Republican Primary before an unsuccessful run for an elected office by July 2013.

- **Fact:** Reeve Jackson is classified as a **Strong Republican** in the Republican database. He has voted in every single Republican primary since 2012.
- **Just like former Democrats Ronald Reagan, Rick Perry and Donald J. Trump,** when Reeve Jackson was young and in college, he voted Democrat. Once he got out of college and started paying taxes and living in the real world, he started voting Republican and working for Republican candidates.
- **Reeve Jackson was elected as a Smith County Republican Party Precinct Chair** and serves as an auxiliary member of the Smith County Republican Women.
- **Reeve Jackson has spent hundreds of hours block walking and phone banking for conservative Republican candidates** across the state like our own State Rep. Matt Schaefer and US Senator Ted Cruz!

Finally, being a Republican entails more than just a voting record. A simple search of the Texas Ethics Commission website shows that:

- From 2000 - 2019, Reeve Jackson has contributed over \$3,000 to Republican candidates and PACs and has never given a dime to democrats.
- From 2000 - 2019, Jarad Kent contributed just \$125 to Republican candidates and PACs.
- **You can be SURE that strong conservatives State Rep. Matt Schaefer, former County Commissioner JoAnn Fleming and Grassroots America would NEVER endorse a Democrat!**