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## **Case File Xpress and Barrett Burke Make History with First Tarrant County Electronic Filing**

*New E-filing system cuts costs, makes it easier for lawyers and public to file legal cases*

**Fort Worth, Texas – May 3, 2004** – *Case File Xpress*, Texas' first approved electronic filing service provider and the law firm of Barrett Burke Wilson Castle Daffin & Frappier teamed up to file the first court document through Tarrant County's new electronic filing system. Tarrant is only the fifth county in Texas to implement the innovative eFiling system. eFiling is expected to add efficiencies and cut costs for both courts and attorneys.

Michael C. Barrett, partner with Barrett Burke Wilson Castle Daffin & Frappier, performed the first official electronic filing to Tarrant County. Barrett followed the quick, simple process on *the Case File Xpress* website and filed an authenticated service claim from his office in Addison to Tarrant County Court. Within a few seconds, Tarrant County Clerk Suzanne Henderson received the document at the courthouse. It was a process that normally required sending a courier or driving to the courthouse to deliver a hard copy of the document before a 4pm deadline.

"I'm amazed at how easy, straightforward and fast eFiling is," says Barrett. "I look forward to more counties going online so we can take advantage of eFiling across the state. This has the potential to save our firm a lot of time processing paper."

Attorneys can now file electronically 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the *Case File Xpress* website. “We thank Barrett Burke for being the first to eFile and showing the legal community how Case File Xpress can help streamline the court filing process,” says Tammy Carter, President of *Case File Xpress, Inc.* “We’re happy to provide a secure and reliable system for attorneys that’s easy and convenient for sending documents to the courthouse.”

Tarrant County joins Fort Bend, Upton, Bexar and El Paso counties to offer electronic filing through *TexasOnline e-Filing for Courts*, the official eFiling solution of Texas. “We are excited to bring electronic filing to Tarrant County,” said County Clerk Suzanne Henderson. “This process gives both the County Clerk’s Office and its filers more flexibility.”

The Texas Supreme Court Judicial Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) has overseen the two-year development of an e-filing system with uniform rules for Texas courts. The program recently moved out of the pilot phase in selected counties and will soon be implemented statewide. Civil case pleadings, motions and exhibits can be filed via the Internet through service providers such as *Case File Xpress*. After the documents are submitted and processed through *Case File Xpress*, the documents are delivered electronically to the court via *TexasOnline*, which acts as the central routing hub, similar to an electronic “post office.”

**About Case File Xpress, Inc.**

**Case File Xpress, Inc.** is Texas’ first approved Electronic Filing Service Provider (EFSP). Case File Xpress provides an e-Filing service to the Texas Legal Community. Through Case File Xpress case pleadings, attachments and other documents can be filed electronically to Texas County and District Courts. This service is offered in cooperation with TexasOnline and provides the most effective and reliable e-Filing system available anywhere. For more information, visit [www.casefilexpress.com](http://www.casefilexpress.com) or call (877) 433-4533.

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