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Collin County Human Resources, via webportal API<sup>1</sup>  
Re: Magistrate Position, Job ID #21083

Human Resources,

My name is Lee Finley and I write to you regarding Collin County's job opening for a Magistrate position, listed on the Collin County Human Resources page.<sup>2</sup> I am a licensed attorney with 20 years of criminal, civil, and family law experience. I have represented criminal defendants in Collin County for 15 years, including 5 years representing indigent defendants on the Collin County Indigent Defense Wheel. Please allow this letter and attached resume to supplement my online application.

I have direct, hands on experience in Collin County Courts representing hundreds of criminal defendants in bench and jury trials, examining trials, probable cause hearings, emergency protection orders, bail and bond conditions, interlock devices, mental health detention warrants and mental health bonds. I have extensive trial and motion

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ccgjobs.co.collin.tx.us:18443/psc/CAREERS/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS\\_HRAM.HRS\\_CE.GBL](https://ccgjobs.co.collin.tx.us:18443/psc/CAREERS/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.collincountytx.gov/human\\_resources/Pages/careers.aspx](https://www.collincountytx.gov/human_resources/Pages/careers.aspx)

experience with search and arrest warrants and motions to suppress. I have experience with issues related to blood search warrants under Article 18.02 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Missouri v. McNeely.

Through my representation of indigent defendants in Collin county, I have spent thousands of hours working and establishing relationships with the Collin County Court Judges and staff, the Sheriff's department, and the jail staff. I am familiar with the current practices and procedures of the Collin County District Courts, the County Courts at Law, the County Jail, and the County and District Clerks' offices.

Represented more than 200 criminal defendants in Collin County on charges including Murder, Sexual Assault of a Minor, Assault Domestic Violence, ADV Continuing Assault, Interference with Emergency Request for Assistance, Criminal Trespass, DWI, Possession of Controlled Substance, Forgery, Theft, Burglary of a Habitation, Robbery, Aggravated Robbery, Harassment, Possession of Marijuana, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Fraud Destroying Evidence, Unlawful Carrying Weapon, Theft of Firearm, Forgery of a Financial Instrument, Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, Drug Test Falsification Device, Failure to ID, Illegal Dumping, Public Intox., Tampering with Government Record, Fleeing a Police Officer, etc.

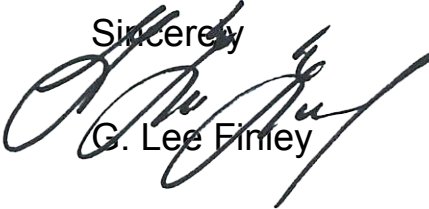
More than 5 years working in Collin County's indigent defense system, including appointment of counsel by a Magistrate under Article 26.04 and Article 1.051, early identification of mental illness or intellectual disability under Article 16.22, and mental health bond hearings under Article 17.032.

Experience with Article 51.13 (Uniform Criminal Extradition act) and have represented criminal defendants in proceedings related to governors warrants and extradition.

Managed a small law firm, including overseeing monthly scheduling, docketing and managing 9 employees. Graduated from UT Austin, a top 15 accredited law school. Licensed to practice law in Texas and Washington, as well as several Federal districts. Valid Texas Driver's License with an acceptable driving record. In good standing with the State Bars of Texas

and Washington. Limited Bilingual language skills, taking courses to improve Spanish language competency. Willing to work weekends, holidays and after-hours. Former military.

I look forward to discussing the Magistrate position and my qualifications with you in more detail. I am available for an interview at your convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely  
  
G. Lee Finley