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Opinions

Opinion No. KP-0501

The Honorable Glen Harwood

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Re: The carrying of concealed firearms in courtrooms by the District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys under Texas Penal Code § 46.15(a)(6) and (a)(7) (RQ-0598-KP)

S U M M A R Y

While the judiciary possesses broad authority over courtrooms, that authority does not license a categorical prohibition on lawful forms of concealed carry by individuals - like district attorneys and their assistants - who are expressly exempted from Texas Penal Code sections 46.02 and 46.03.

Opinion No. KP-0502

Ms. Gloria Meraz

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Re: Whether juvenile criminal case records constitute permanent records under Chapter 58 of the Family Code (RQ-0576-KP)

S U M M A R Y

The Government Code and the Local Government Records Act assign complimentary roles for local governments and TSLAC regarding local government records. The Juvenile Justice Code authorizes specific individuals and entities to destroy certain categories of juvenile records, and a county clerk or district clerk may destroy juvenile case papers pursuant to a local government's records control schedule that complies with TSLAC's records retention schedule.

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