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Honorable Luther T. Sebren
County Auditor, Orange County
Orange County Courthouse
Orange, Texas 77630

Opinion No. M-736

Re: Maximum salary to be paid
the official court reporter
for the County Court at Law
of Orange County.

Dear Mr. Sebren:

You have requested our opinion as to the maximum salary that may be paid the official court reporter for the County Court at Law of Orange County. In compliance with our opinion request procedure you first received an official opinion from the County Attorney of Orange County, Texas, on this question.

The County Court at Law of Orange County was created by the provisions of Article 1970-349, Vernon's Civil Statutes. Subdivision (b) of Section 4 of Article 1970-349 provides for the appointment of an official court reporter and reads as follows:

"(b) The Judge of the County Court at Law may appoint an official court reporter, who must meet the qualifications prescribed by law for that office and who is entitled to the compensation fixed by the Commissioners Court of Orange County."

The maximum salary that may be paid official shorthand reporters, including official shorthand reporters of each county court at law is governed by Article 2326, Vernon's Civil Statutes. Attorney General's Opinion V-707 (1948). See also Attorney General's Opinions M-436 (1969) and C-505 (1965).

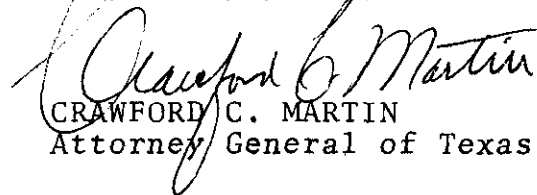
The maximum compensation provided official shorthand reporters by the provisions of Article 2326, Vernon's Civil Statutes, is \$6,600.00. It is our opinion that the provisions of Article 1970-349, Vernon's Civil Statutes, did not change, amend or modify the compensation prescribed in Article 2326.

You are therefore advised that the maximum salary that may be paid the official court reporter for Orange County is \$6,600.00.

S U M M A R Y

The salary of the official court reporter for the County Court at Law of Orange County is governed by the provisions of Article 2326, Vernon's Civil Statutes, and the maximum salary that may be paid such official is \$6,600.00 per annum.

Very truly yours,


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