Defense Portal
Access your caseload anytime, anywhere.

Save time with online access to case files across jurisdictions.

Download discovery from the portal and play videos directly within the browser.

No Wi-Fi? No problem. Download cases with "Pack and Go" feature.

2,705
Defense attorneys
accessing case files, including digital multimedia evidence

3,555
Law enforcement
users filing cases and sharing evidence with prosecutors

638
Prosecutors
submitting pleas and sharing discovery with defense attorneys

"The Defense Portal has given us quick direct access to the cases and files we need…this allows us to get documents without leaving the office."

Defense Attorney, Midland County

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BACKGROUND

TechShare.Defense is a web-based case management software solution for defense attorneys. The initial project to build the application began in late 2012 with four Texas counties that had a need for a prosecutor case management system. The scope of the project also included building a law enforcement agency portal and a defense attorney portal. The portals enable efficient transfer of information between stakeholders in the criminal justice system. Together, these applications improve visibility and efficiencies throughout the life cycle of a case.

In addition, TechShare also offers a web-based case management systems for counties to more effectively monitor and manage indigent defense requirements in compliance with the Fair Defense Act. This system manages the determination, appointment, and reporting required for defendants qualified to receive court appointed counsel.

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Defense attorneys paid in days instead of weeks for indigent representation

Table 1.1: Contains number of active users in 2016

County	Population*	Go-Live Date	Prosecutors	Support Staff	Investigators	LEA Users	Defense Attorneys
Dallas	2.48 million	March 2014	250	100	75	500	775
Midland	151,468	September 2014	40	20	10	130	170
Potter	121,661	August 2015	35	20	15	120	150
Armstrong	1,949	August 2015	3	1	1	5	85
Tarrant	1.912 million	November 2015	170	80	55	1800	925
Travis	1.121 million	September 2016	140	90	35	1200	600

2013 census estimates

DEFENSE ATTORNEY PORTAL
- Real-time access to case information
- View, download and submit digital evidence
- Document generation, includes templates
- Discovery management and tracking
- Manage caseload across jurisdictions
- Dynamic views for quick data manipulation
- Task management
- Calendaring

INDIGENT DEFENSE SYSTEM
- Automated attorney appointments
- Customized indigence calculation
- Receive and monitor vouchers
- Defendants screened based on county standards
- Detailed graphical KPI reporting
- Ongoing compliance monitoring
- Quicker payments for indigent representation

The Texas Conference of Urban Counties is a non-profit organization composed of 37 member counties that represent approximately 80% of the population of Texas. Established in 2004, TechShare is an innovative program of the Texas Conference of Urban Counties. Our focus is on developing information technology solutions for counties. TechShare projects are collaborative efforts that save counties money by sharing the cost of research, development, operations, and maintenance. These projects produce applications, systems, or other technology assets to enable more efficient processes.