

Supreme Court rules

said.

Miller and Herring has one attorney handling the caseload, that includes approximately 1,600 pending cases. It already has disposed of 1,000 or so speeding tickets. Jury tri-als for the firm's clients are now being scheduled for January 1991 and the backlog continues to grow

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adopted rules that one court member said makes it clear that, with certain closely defined exceptions, "It makes explicit the commit-

ment of our judicial system to openness and makes it clear that our courts, which are taxpayer-funded, are open and the records in them are presumed to be open in a way that has not been as clear as this in the past," Justice Lloyd Doggett said.

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Doggett said the Supreme Court worked toward a consensus, but resolved three troublesome proposals on the sealing of court records by 5-

AUSTIN (AP) — Acting on in-structions from the Legislature, the Texas Supreme Court on Monday they concern public health and safety or corruption in government.

Doggett said trial judges have been routinely sealing records, especially in urban areas.

Exceptions under the "openness" proposal are provided for trade se-crets and Family Code documents, Doggett said.

On agreed settlements, everything filed with the court would be an open record, Doggett said.

"There are some folks that think, 'If in doubt, seal' just as the pre-sumption of this rule is, 'If in doubt, it's open,' " Doggett told reporters.

The lone attorney — Pam Ogelsby — said she realizes the jury trials are a waste of time and taxpayer money, but said, "We're required by law to do the best we can for our clients.'

The best job I can do for my client is to set it for jury trial, make them bring in a jury, go to that ex-pense and that extreme," she said in defense of their practice.

Bowling said she respects the de-fendant's right to a jury trial, but said Ogelsby is taking advantage of the system.

When Bowling gets a jury convic-tion for one of Miller and Herring's clients she seeks the maximum penalty

Yes, we are vindictive," she said. "That's the only way we feel like we gain a little."

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