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Media Release: Judge Rosie Alvarado elected Local Administrative Judge

San Antonio, TX – The Honorable Rosemarie ‘Rosie’ Alvarado has been elected by the Bexar County District Court Judges to serve as the Bexar County Local Administrative District Judge. She will be succeeding the current Local Administrative District Judge, Judge Ron Rangel.

Judge Alvarado is the Presiding Judge of the 438th Civil District Court in Bexar County. In addition to her duties as a district court Judge, Judge Alvarado serves as a Commissioner on the Texas Children’s Commission by appointment from the Texas Supreme Court. Locally, she is the chair of the committee that oversees the Bexar County Children’s Court. She also oversees a therapeutic restorative court, called PEARLS Court. The mission of PEARLS Court is to invest in girls ages 14 to 18 who have been placed in foster care by teaching them life skills, supplying therapy, and pairing them with mentors.

Upon being elected, Judge Alvarado stated "I am grateful to Judge Rangel for his leadership of our judiciary through the height of the pandemic, and am eager to collaborate with and harness the talents of all my judicial colleagues to ensure our judiciary flourishes to best serve our citizens. I look forward to working with the various departments and leaders of our County, including working with our County Judge and Commissioners Court to secure additional resources for the judiciary – such as an additional Children’s Court associate judge. I have already begun preparations to receive the torch, by working diligently with Judge Rangel, our judges and our court administration to transition this responsibility expeditiously and effectively."

Judge Alvarado was elected on December 3, 2021, and will take office on January 1, 2022. Her term will expire on December 31, 2023.

By statute, a local administrative district judge (also known as the “LAJ”) shall serve a two-year term in each county, upon election by majority vote of all the district court judges for that county. The LAJ shall be responsible for the expeditious dispatch of court business in the district and statutory county courts of the county, and reports directly to the Presiding Judge of the administrative region for the county (Judge Sid Harle). Implementing and executing local rules of administration, including the assignment, docketing, transfer, and hearing of cases; appointing special or standing committees necessary or desirable for court management and administration; and supervising the budget and fiscal matters of the local courts are a few of the duties of the LAJ. *See V.T.C.A Government Code §§74.091 - 74.093.*

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