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**Media Release:**

**Raul Perales appointed to Associate Judge seat for the Bexar County Children's Court**

San Antonio, TX – Raul Perales, by unanimous vote of the Bexar County Civil District Court Judges, was appointed on March 11, 2022 to serve as one of three associate judges in the Bexar County Children's Court. He will be filling this newly-created court authorized by the Bexar County Commissioners Court earlier this year. His investiture ceremony will be held on a date to be determined.

Perales will hear CPS cases that involve child abuse, neglect and domestic violence. He will also preside over the adoptions of children in foster care. He will work alongside Associate Judges Charles Montemayor and Kimberly Burley.

Raul Perales is a graduate of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law and has been practicing law since 1999. He managed a general, private practice with an emphasis in family law. In 2009, Judge Perales began to practice in the area of child welfare advocacy. That practice became his true passion. In May of 2021, He accepted a position with the Bexar County District Attorney's office as a prosecutor in cases representing the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

Upon being appointed, Mr. Perales said, "It is an honor to receive this appointment to serve the families and children of Bexar County. I look forward to working collaboratively with Judge Montemayor and Judge Burley, as well as the families, attorneys, caseworkers and providers to craft solutions that are in the best interest of the children who are the subjects of these cases."

Judge Rosie Alvarado, Chair of the Children's Court Oversight Committee, stated that, "Mr. Perales brings with him a balanced and extensive background of experience in the area of child welfare law – having represented parents and children in TDFPS cases while in private practice, and also prosecuting cases on behalf of TDFPS during his time at the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. He has a real passion for working for the best interest of children and families in the foster care system."

The Bexar County Children's Court was envisioned through the eyes of children and developed from their perspective to meet their needs. It is child-focused and child-friendly, and considered a national model for abuse and neglect courts. It strives for safe family reunification and also leads the nation in foster children adoptions.

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