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**Criminal District Court Judges Appoint Judge to
Newly Created Associate Judge Position**

The Bexar County Criminal District Court Judges have appointed local attorney Miguel Najera to fill a newly created Associate Judge position.

This new position, authorized by the FY 2022-2023 Budget, will handle pre-indictment matters assigned at arrest rather than at indictment. This will free up judicial resources for the District Courts and expedite the disposition of appropriate cases.

Miguel Najera has extensive experience in our Criminal County and District Courts serving as State Prosecutor, Defense Attorney, and Attorney Pro-Tem. His considerable expertise in addressing bond issues, case investigation, and trial presentation uniquely qualify Mr. Najera for this position.

"I am greatly honored to have been selected for this position and humbled to have been given the opportunity to assist the Criminal District Courts," stated Najera. "I have spent my entire legal career in the halls of the criminal justice system serving our community. I look forward to helping make Bexar County the envy of the great State of Texas."

Mr. Najera graduated from St. Mary's School of Law and was licensed by the State Bar of Texas in 1998. Most recently, Mr. Najera served as a Bexar County Assistant District Attorney performing community outreach and prosecuting crimes against children.

Criminal Administrative District Court Judge Ron Rangel stated, "Mr. Najera is a consummate professional in every sense of the word. His passion for the law and drive to see it applied fairly and equitably are what drew my colleagues and I to appoint him to this position."

Mr. Najera will start on November 1, 2022.

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