After 24 Years of Republican Domination of the Harris County Family Law Courts, a More Diverse Young Group of Democrats Take Control

What was once the largest Republican controlled county within the United States, is now history as the results of the 2018 midterm election was 55% Democrat and 45% Republican in Harris County, Texas. Along with the newly elected Democratic Judges comes additional Associate Judges, Coordinators, and Court Reporters that will support and assist these new judges in their everyday activities and representation. The new district family law Judges have released the official names for their office appointees, as listed below. Reported by Michael Busby of Busby & Associates a family law lawyer who is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Family Law.

HOUSTON (PRWEB) January 03, 2019 -- Busby & Associates, a Houston-based family law practice owned by Michael G. Busby Jr., this week reported on Harris County’s turning blue and its impact on the family law bar and litigants in the family law courts of Harris County, Texas.

As a previously Republican controlled county within the United States, the results produced 55% Democrat and 45% Republican in voter turnout, which cause a sweep of the democrats into the Family Law Courts.

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In the 245th District, Tristan H. Longino will be supported by Associate Judge Jim Cooper, Coordinator Rosie Diaz, and Court Reporter Barbara Nagji. In the 246th District, Judge Angela Graves-Harrington will be supported by Associate Judge Yahaira Quezada, Coordinator Astrid Rivas, and Court Reporter Delores Johnson. In the 247th District, Judge Janice Berg will be supported by Associate Judge Bethany Arnold, Coordinator Victor Almendarez, and Court Reporter Karen deShelter. In the 257th District, Judge Sandra Peake will be supported by Associate Judge Deborah Patterson, Coordinator Pamela Hunt, and Court Reporter Angela McBridge. In the 280th District, Judge Barbara Stalder will be supported by Coordinator Elsa Ramirez and Court Reporter Jill Bartek.

In the 308th District, Judge Gloria Lopez will be supported by Associate Judge Ryan Salfiti, Coordinator Jeanadrea Beard, and Court Reporter Phyllis Gonzales. In the 309th District, Judge Linda Dunson will be supported by Associate Judge Shaily Gupta-Brietzke, Coordinator Molly Mai, and Court Reporter Ehdi Sepulveda. In the 310th District, Judge Sonya Heath will be supported by Associate Judge Charles Collins, Coordinator Melina Schmidt, and Court Reporter Leticia Salas. In the 311th District, Judge Germaine Tanner will be supported by Associate Judge Frank Pierce, Coordinator Cindy Del Rio, and Court Reporter Chelsea Allen.

Lastly, in the 312th District, Judge Chip Wells will be supported by Associate Judge Kimberly Baughman, Coordinator Laura Hersch, and Court Reporter Karen Bauer. Together, these teams of Judges and Associate Judges with similar backgrounds in family law, practice, and education, will work together to provide
Democratic law interpretation and stability in the greater region, collaborating with working families and community members.

“Collectively, this is a group of people with expertise in family law issues, civil matters, and appeals, working together to bring much needed change and stability to the hard working, as well as the struggling families, here in our community,” said Busby. At the same, there are several very young judges who have never been married, have no children. “I have always felt that someone who has either been through a 9 month pregnancy, or lived with another who has, coupled with managed an estate with another, and then have their life turned upside down by a divorce, is better suited for the role of a family law judge,” Says Busby. But in the end, more than several Republican judges sat on the bench having been unmarried with no children". In the last several years considerable criticism has come from the local bar on attendance from one Harris county family law judge. This one judge, who worked about 2 days a week for about the last 8 years, was endorsed by almost every Republican group in Harris county during the 2018 campaign. “For me, that is enough to clean house and welcome the new democrats, give the thousands of families who lost time off work, paid for lawyers fees, and got no resolution from this court in Harris County, Texas”. Lets us hope with this new transition, our Democratic judges improve upon and make better the foundation that the Republican have set up for them in our family law courts of Harris County, Texas.

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