

Maria Teresa “Tessa” Herr
186th District Court

Since January of 2003, I have been honored to serve as Judge of the 186th Criminal District Court. I am looking forward to serving the citizens of Bexar County for four more years, and I would appreciate your vote this November. Over the course of the last eight years, it has been gratifying to learn how the role of judge affords the opportunity to affect our community in so many positive ways.



In 2005, I attended training to learn about a new approach to some issues in the community. The approach sought to address issues such as substance abuse and mental illness in a way that did NOT involve incarceration, but treatment. This approach used the Courts as the mechanism to identify the needs of arrested persons with substance abuse issues or mental health issues and direct them into treatment. These courts are called ‘problem solving courts’. Bexar County began one of these problem solving courts, a drug court, and it flourished. I presided over the Felony Drug Court from 2006 to 2008, while also handling the docket for the 186th. Along with Judge Mary Román and Judge Al Alonso, we developed an excellent program, accessed federal substance abuse treatment dollars and garnered support of the program from Commissioners Court. It is my intention to continue to support these problem solving courts and to continue to explore the possibility of a felony mental health court.

Another change that is happening in our courts is a new case management system. This case management system is currently being used in other cities throughout the United States and in Texas. The main principles of the program are: 1) Access to Justice, 2) Expedition and Timeliness, 3) Equality, Fairness and Integrity 4) Independence and Accountability and 5) Public Trust and Confidence. The results have been remarkable.

The goal of the case management system is more efficient docket management. What that translates into is less time between case filing and case disposition. What that means quite literally is improving the quality of justice. No one is better off waiting two years for their trial. Witnesses disappear, memories fade. I’m excited to be one of the first courts to implement this new system, and I am looking forward to continuing to work with it for the next four years.



Dinorah Diaz
187th District Court

Ever since I can remember I’ve possessed a strong desire to serve the community. Maybe that’s why I’ve been an advocate for over 18 years, trying to help people who are facing challenging times by giving them both legal guidance and hope. Along the way, and in my law practice, I’ve learned to make tough decisions, to manage caseloads, and the value of meeting deadlines. I’ve been holding on to these skills, waiting to put them to work for the larger community in order to create positive change.

My decision to run for Judge of the 187th District Court was not a hasty one. I’ve seen over the years how there could be great improvement to this bench. This year I knew it was time for me to step in to try to make some serious changes in that courtroom. I think the public deserves better, and I know I can make it better.

I believe a judge should be patient, dignified and polite to all who address or have dealings with the court. A judge should not show bias or favor to any litigant or witness in any case and should refrain from



suggesting anything other than neutrality when there is a jury present or a hearing is being conducted. A judge should earn the respect of those that appear before him/her and should likewise give respect to all who come before the court. A judge is a public servant and should always remember that it is a privilege to serve and is serving at the will of the people. A judge has the responsibility to protect the community in which they serve.

I have a great deal of experience in the area of criminal law and civil law, both on the federal and state level. My years in school and at the University of Texas at Austin have instilled in me a strong work ethic and an appreciation for the serious responsibility that comes with being a judge. I know that each and every decision made by a judge affects the lives of real people, both victim and perpetrator. I strongly feel that the voices of victims must be heard so that just and fair disposition can be given to all who appear before the court. I plan to make the judicial process run smoother and more efficiently through innovative thinking.

With your vote for me, together we can change the 187th District Court into something better, something we can be proud of, and something we can trust. Let’s restore integrity and protect our communities. Vote for me, Dinorah Diaz, as your Judge of the 187th District Court.



Gloria Saldaña
224th District Court

I am Gloria Saldaña, Judge of the 224th District Court of Bexar County and a candidate for re-election in the November general election.

After my children were grown, I earned a BBA in Accounting from the UTSA. I later enrolled at St. Mary’s University School of Law where I received my JD in 1990.

My involvement in community affairs has been life-long and rewarding. I taught ESL at the Mexican American Unity Council, volunteered with the United Way, mentored students of Tafolla Middle School and served as a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Benedictine Resource Center, which supported the P.E.A.C.E. Initiative (which advocates for family violence victims), the Joven Community Program and the Center for Public Policy Priorities. I also co-introduced Tapas at NIOSA; contributed time with the Monte Vista Neighborhood Association; and, am a proud member of the League of Women Voters.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors of the Mexican American Bar Association, served as an attorney member of the local district’s State Bar Grievance Committee, worked with the San Antonio Young Lawyers’ Association “Ask a Lawyer” program. I am a member of the Texas Lawyers for Children website, a professional forum for practical and helpful information regarding child protection issues.

In February 1994, I opened a general practice of law focusing primarily on family law. My experience also



includes client representation in criminal misdemeanor and felony courts, parole board hearings, administrative law hearings, probate courts, state administrative hearings, and appellate courts.

I am a member of the Texas Family Law Foundation, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Bexar County Juvenile Board, the College of the State Bar of Texas, the Children’s Court Oversight Committee and the Court Reporters Oversight Committee. I am also a member

of the San Antonio Bar Association, and the Mexican American Bar Association. I preside over a Family Drug Court docket every Friday.

The concept of judicial temperament is of utmost concern to me. It is rather simple in its form: Whether you are a citizen of this county or a practitioner, you know that in my courtroom you will be afforded courtesy, respect, impartiality, and treatment free from bias. My courtroom will decide cases fairly and objectively, as the evidence and the law apply. I call it equal justice.

Finally, I am the best qualified to continue serving the citizens of Bexar County on the 224th District Court because of the depth of my experience as a life-long contributing member of this community, as an experienced family law attorney and, for the past three and a half years, as a district judge. The life experience one gains by being a mother, grandmother, and a tireless advocate for the rights of families and children, as well as the qualifications and character required to serve on a district bench are indispensable to this office.

Peter Sakai
225th District Court

In November 2006, Judge Peter Sakai was elected to the 225th District Court bench, succeeding his friend and mentor, Senior Judge John J. Specia. Judge Sakai was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas. He graduated from McAllen High School in 1972 and attended then named Pan American University. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976 and graduated with a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas Law School in 1979. At the age of 27 years old, he was appointed to be the Chief of the Juvenile Section of the District Attorney's Office. He left the D.A.'s office for private practice. In 1989, he was appointed to be the Juvenile Master/Referee of the 289th District Court.

On January 1, 1995, Associate Judge Peter Sakai was appointed to the Children's Court bench by the unanimous vote of the Bexar County Civil District Court Judges. He was assigned to hear cases that involve child abuse and neglect cases and the adoption cases that involve foster children.

Through Judge Sakai's leadership, adoption of foster children in Bexar County has increased nearly 1000% from 1995 to 2005. Bexar County routinely leads the State of Texas for the number of foster children with



consummated adoptions and permanent homes. For his efforts, President (then Governor) George W. Bush recognized Judge Sakai and his model court on the Governor's Committee to Promote Adoption.

Judge Sakai is widely recognized in the community as being a leader who works hard to bring new ideas and solutions to help resolve issues of child abuse and neglect and family violence and to constantly challenge all involved in the child welfare system to more effectively serve the families that come into his courtroom and prevent child abuse and neglect. Beyond his work with CASA and the Child Protective Services Depart-

ment, Judge Sakai is constantly looking for new and innovative ideas to help keep families together and improve children's lives. Most recently, he has been involved in the planning and building of a national model Bexar County Children's Court in the historic Bexar County Courthouse, the implementation of a Family Drug Treatment Court for parents with addiction issues who have children in the foster care system, and the implementation of the Family Group Conferencing Model to bring families together to promote healing by families.

Phil Kazen
227th District Court

For almost 12 years, I have been honored to serve you, the citizens of Bexar County, as your Judge of the 227th Criminal District Court. Like my Father, my Uncle Chick Kazen, and my predecessor and mentor, the late Judge Mike Machado, I have dedicated my life to public service.

For 8 ½ years, I served as a lead prosecutor in family violence, child sexual assault, and drug and violent crime cases in the district attorney's office. As a Judge, I have presided over some of the most serious cases in Bexar County – from death penalty capital murders to intoxication manslaughters, from child sexual assault cases to crimes against the elderly. I



learned firsthand how important compassion, fairness, experience and integrity are, not just to the victims and their families, but to all of the citizens of Bexar County.

Although I am proud of the support of my colleagues in public service and the endorsement of the San Antonio Police Officers Association and the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Bexar County, I am most proud of the support of ordinary citizens; from labor leaders to business leaders, teachers to administrators, prosecutors to defense attorneys, hard-working people all across Bexar County who know that they can count on me to have the real experience to handle the tough cases and ensure justice for all.

As citizens and taxpayers, we all have a stake in this election. I strongly believe that this race should be about justice, fairness, experience and selfless public service rather than selfish, self-centered political opportunism.

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Rosie Alvarado
285th District Court

As the daughter of a well-respected attorney, community activist, and former State Legislator Leo Alvarado, Jr., it was never a question of "if" Rosie Alvarado would follow in her father's footsteps but "when". Rosie was born, raised, and educated here in Bexar County. She grew up in a community service-oriented family where she was taught that serving her community is the highest honor that an individual can achieve.

A graduate of St. Mary's University and St. Mary's Law School, Rosie Alvarado is running for the 285th District Court. This Court hears matters involving divorce, child support and custody, title to land, tax lien and foreclosures, personal injury and other civil disputes. Rosie Alvarado brings a diverse legal background to the bench. A successful attorney, Rosie handles complex litigation in a variety of cases, including personal injury, whistleblower law, family law, small business representation, and criminal defense. Rosie is well-rounded and uniquely qualified for the bench.

As a life-long Democrat, Rosie believes our legal system should serve as the foundation that protects and guarantees our rights and freedoms. Rosie chose to run for three reasons: (1) to ensure all litigants before this Court enjoy equal access and receive fair treatment under the law, (2) to continue the family tradition of public service, and (3) to continue serving as a real and



tangible role model for her children.

Rosie Alvarado won the March primary election without a run-off. She has been endorsed by many of the Democratic clubs, elected officials and county organizations, including the Bexar County Young Democrats, Stonewall Democrats, Senator Leticia Van de Pute, Bexar County Tax Accessor Sylvia Romo, City Councilwoman Jennifer Ramos, State Representative Joe Farias, and the AFL-CIO, among many others.

Rosie Alvarado has a long history of serving her community. She is an advisory board member to the San Antonio Crime Coalition, board president for her homeowner's association, a mentor with the Girls and Ladies Sports program and the Harlandale High School Diversified Career Preparation Class, and committed volunteer providing pro bono representation to the indigent.

Rosie is a business owner and President of her law practice, Rosie Alvarado, P.C. She was former managing partner of Alvarado & Alvarado, P.L.L.C., a law firm shared with her father until his passing last year. Rosie is married to Derrick Hawkins, her biggest fan who works hard to ensure her victory. Rosie's two little girls, Evangeline and Chloe, are very excited about their mother's efforts and successes.

Rosie Alvarado will work tirelessly to ensure that justice is dispensed fairly and impartially. She will treat all litigants and attorneys with respect, preserving equal access and prompt justice. Rosie Alvarado has real experience, proven leadership and the right temperament to serve as the next Judge of the 285th District Court.

Carmen Kelsey
289th District Court

State District Judge Carmen Kelsey has served the citizens of Bexar County, Texas, for 17 years as Judge of the 289th District Court. This year, Judge Kelsey faced no opposition in the Democratic primary or in the general election. This honor can be attributed to Judge Kelsey's exemplary reputation as one of the hardest working jurists in Bexar County.

Judge Kelsey was appointed to the 289th District Court by Governor Ann Richards in 1993 because of her solid qualifications and credentials. Before receiving the appointment from Governor Richards, she served the community as a prosecutor in the District Attorney's office in 1983 where she worked for over seven years in the juvenile section.

Judge Kelsey is board certified in Juvenile Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She has received numerous civic awards which include, the 2009 City Public Service Shining Star Award, the 2008 Bexar County Pioneer Award, the 2007 La Prensa Legal Award for Outstanding Women in Action and the 2000 Martin Luther King, Jr., Commission Award sponsored by the City of San Antonio. Hard work, respect for all citizens appearing before the court and a charismatic personality are synonymous to Judge Carmen Kelsey.

Judge Kelsey has been married to Mark Kelsey for 32 years and they are proud parents of two daughters.

Judge Kelsey would like to thank the Bexar county voters for their strong support.



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Tina Torres
288th District Court

My name is Tina Torres, and I would like to be your next judge of Bexar County's 288th District Court. I am a native San Antonian who received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas in Austin and a law degree from St. Mary's Law School.



After passing the bar I became law partners with my father, Peter Torres, Jr., a long-time consumer rights advocate in our community. Along with the consumer and commercial cases that became the foundation of my practice, my legal career of 14 years blossomed to include family law, debt collection defense, simple wills and estates, small business defense, and civil appellate law. I've written and argued appeals to both the Fourth Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Texas.

Because I believe that we must always give back to our community, I have always been actively involved in hands-on civic and community affairs. Currently, I am an advisory board member of the Bexar County Dispute Resolution Center, an advisory board member of the San Antonio Youth Summit, a board

member of Inman Christian Center, a board member of the St. Mary's Hispanic Law Alumni Association, a board member of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater San Antonio, and vice-president of the Gold Canyon Homeowners Association, in addition to practicing law.

So, why am I running for judge? Both of my parents instilled in me a great sense of civic duty, and my running for public office has been a life-long dream of mine. From my father, I learned a love of the law, and from my mother, a love of people, and I feel that a judgeship will enable me to serve our community in a much broader sense than I do now.

The rule of law means that the law is above everyone and applies to everyone equally. As your choice for judge of Bexar County's 288th Civil District Court, I will follow the rule of law to ensure the objective, impartial decisions that we deserve from all judges. At the same time, I believe that justice also requires heart. My years of volunteer activities and service to a number of non-profit organizations have given me the human experience to deal compassionately with the litigants who find themselves en masse at our courthouse daily.

As your choice for judge of Bexar County's 288th Civil District Court, I will work tirelessly to serve not only the legal interests, but also the human interests of our community.

Norma Gonzales
290th District Court

My name is Norma Gonzales, and I am your candidate for Judge of the 290th District Court. I have been licensed to practice law in the State of Texas for over 25 years. I am originally from San Antonio and graduated from South San High School, Rice University, and the University of Texas School of Law.



I have tried over 100 jury trials and hundreds of non-jury trials. I am a former prosecutor and am presently a full time solo practitioner and trial attorney in the field of criminal defense and family law. I am also an adjunct trial law professor at St. Mary's Law School, where I have taught the art of trying a case to our future lawyers for over a decade. I am AV rated by my peers which is the highest rating allowed in legal ability (very high to preeminent) and ethical standards (very high). I am a member and treasurer of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) which recognizes and selects attorneys nationwide for their trial ability.

In selecting our judges, proper judicial temperament is extremely important. Patience, especially with young attorneys and non-lawyers, is paramount. It is imperative to elect a judge who respects the bench as belonging to the citizens and treating everyone professionally and respectfully.

I hope to draw from my experience, as well as the Criminal Court Administration's office, for assistance

in docket management and jail population issues. Coordination and cooperation versus competition amongst the Courts, in my view, will assist in an overall efficient system. I also believe that an appropriate judicial temperament that recognizes the needs of all parties and balances all factors can only result in a positive and efficient court.

After 25 years of practicing law as an advocate for the State, the accused, parents, children, injured parties, and other entities, I believe I can now make a significant contribution to the community and the Bexar County Judiciary. I am ready for the challenges of this office and ready to serve and engage my legal, analytical, and personal skills as a District Court Judge. I believe that my 25 years experience as an attorney representing clients from all walks of life and from all realms supports the position that I am the best candidate for this bench.

We need to elect someone to this very important criminal bench who has not only real life experience, but also real trial experience. Someone who has the demeanor and experience to judge each case fairly, wisely, and efficiently.

What happens in this courtroom impacts everyone in our community, so please vote wisely. I respectfully ask for your vote. I ask for your support. Please join my campaign to become the next judge of the 290th District Court.



Rosa Maria "Rosie" Gonzalez
436th District Court

Rosa Maria "Rosie" Gonzalez hails from Brownsville, Texas but has lived in San Antonio the better part of the last 25 years. Rosie attended St. Mary's University where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and later her law degree. For most of her adult life, she has worked diligently for the betterment of families and children.



As an attorney, Rosie has developed a thriving law practice in the area of Family Law with a focus on child abuse litigation and other problem-solving courts working closely with clients who battle mental health issues, substance abuse/drug addiction, or who need assistance in clarifying child support matters, and who need representation or advocacy in the domestic violence court. Prior to becoming a lawyer, she worked in the many areas of social work: child abuse investigator, community emergency assistance program coordinator, gang counselor, program director for an adolescent substance abuse program and juvenile probation officer.

This experience taught her that children learn what they live. In Texas, 1/3 of children already in the juvenile corrections system will self-report as re-offending adults. Research shows teens who engage in positive behaviors, such as succeeding in school, helping others, maintaining good health and overcoming in adversity are less likely to engage in high-risk behaviors like drinking alcohol, violence, drug use, sexual activity and school truancy. Rosie believes that as a community we can lead our children to become productive members of our community. This will prevent them from re-offending as adults and entering the adult penal system. Rosie has committed her life to teaching children and families that there is hope for a better life filled with culture, education, and a sense of pride.

Rosie knows the system and she knows the law. She has real life experience working on solutions and projects to improve the lives of many. With your help, her life experience can play an integral part in ensuring that our community is safe, our children in the juvenile system have an opportunity at rehabilitation and that restitution is afforded to victims within the Juvenile courts system. Rosie wants to make sure that families, children, and victims who come before this court all have a voice in the process that makes up the juvenile corrections system.

Rosie has been endorsed by Retired Chief Justice of the 4th Court of Appeals Alma Lopez, the Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio, the Bexar County Young Democrats, the Victory Fund, and the AFL-CIO. Help Rosie bring her passion for justice back to the heart of Bexar County-OUR YOUTH. Vote for Rosie Gonzalez for Judge of the 436th Judicial District Court of Bexar County on November 2, 2010. For more information on Rosie Gonzalez's Campaign please visit www.rosiegonzalezforjudge.com or you can follow her day-to-day voter outreach efforts on her Facebook Fanpage: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Elect-Rosa-Maria-Rosie-Gonzalez-for-Judge-436th-Judicial-District/229114081872?ref=ts>

Pamela Gabriel Craig
437th District Court

Families come first. No matter what positions I have held, I have always placed the needs of the family first.

As a Veteran I have served my country; as a Magistrate I have served both the City of San Antonio and Bexar County. I wish to continue this by serving the people of Bexar County as a Criminal District Judge and to give back to my community.

When most people were thinking about retirement, I was graduating from law school at the age of 50. During law school I had the privilege of interning for Justice Alma Lopez, researching law and issues. Thereafter, I served as a research assistant and law clerk. After becoming an attorney, I represented clients in federal social security disability cases. I then opened my own firm, after which I was appointed Municipal Court Judge and then Bexar County Magistrate Judge.

I have the experience both in life and in the courtroom, to handle the difficult cases that this court must decide. I am the best choice because I will always remember that families come first. I have the life experience, maturity, and compassion to properly focus on justice in all felony matters and the ability to focus on the families of both the victims and the defendants. My organizational skills would give the proper structure to a well-run courtroom.



Nicholas "Nico" LaHood
District Attorney

Born and raised in San Antonio, Nico is a graduate of Central Catholic High School. After high school, Nico attended St. Mary's University and received a B.A. in Finance and Financial Services, and later his J.D. degree from St. Mary's Law School. Nico has been married to his wife, Davida, for 4 years, and they have a daughter, Maya, who is 22 months old. They are expecting the arrival of their second child early this fall.

Nico's knowledge of the law was further broadened as a result of his advocating for the rights of his late brother, Michael LaHood, Jr., who was murdered. Nico fought unyieldingly for fairness and justice for his late brother and for his family. This event shaped Nico's life significantly and furthered his commitment and passion for seeking justice.

As a result of his extensive legal and trial background and countless professional accomplishments and recognitions, Nico has successfully established himself as a highly respected and revered attorney in the community. As a former special prosecutor for Bexar, La Salle, Wilson, Karnes and Guadalupe counties, and in serving Bexar County as a Magistrate Judge, Nico has built a reputation for hard work and a no-nonsense approach at trial. When working towards justice, Nico's philosophy is to rely on integrity and ethics-based principles.

Because of his unique background, he brings the right experience and solutions to fix the problems in our



community. Our justice system has been broken for years, and because of it, our citizens, our families, and our community are at risk.

San Antonio has the highest crime rate of all the major cities throughout Texas. It is time we develop a system to make our community safe, and to create policies to allow our citizens to succeed. When Nico is elected as the next Bexar County District Attorney, the first thing he will do is to call a San Antonio Crime Summit. This is something which has never been done in San Antonio. However, if we are going to fix our broken justice system, we need to make sure everybody comes together in the community to be a part of the solution.

It is also vital that we look at new ways to deter crime before it occurs. Programs such as drug court, and veterans' court will dramatically decrease rising crime rates, and protect our community's future.

As your next District Attorney, Nico will make sure he is in court working for you, as well as ensuring there are open lines of communications throughout our community.

Nico appreciates your support and asks for your vote to be your next Bexar County District Attorney.

Nelson Wolff
County Judge

Nelson Wolff was appointed Bexar County Judge in 2001 and has since been elected to two full terms and is running for his third. He is the first county judge in more than a century who also has served as mayor of San Antonio. Judge Wolff has a long history of dedicated service to San Antonio and Bexar County that began with the Texas House of Representatives in 1971. Also served in the Texas Senate from 1973 to 1975. After serving two terms on the San Antonio City Council, Wolff was elected as San Antonio Mayor in 1991 and served two terms.

With his colleagues on the Commissioners Court and in the City of San Antonio, Judge Wolff has worked to promote economic development in Bexar County. His efforts include successfully bringing Toyota and expanding its production, Medtronic, the JW Marriott Resort and TPC San Antonio to our county. Most recently, Judge Wolff joined in the announcement that Becton Dickinson, a premiere medical technology company, would be locating in San Antonio.

Under his leadership, the Commissioners Court also has approved a \$500 million, 10-year regional flood control program and successfully convinced voters to approve a \$415 million package of visitor tax-funded projects throughout the community. These funds will help construct up to 13 amateur sports facilities, a dedicated performing arts venue, improvements to the San Antonio River and future improvements to the AT&T Center and the Joe and Harry Freeman Coliseum. In July 2008, Judge Wolff and Commissioners Court approved a \$900 million plan backed by bonds to build a new trauma center and provide other improvements for the county-owned University Health System.



Al Alonso
County Court-at-Law #1

Judge Al Alonso received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from St. Mary's University in 1968. He has an Associate Arts Degree from San Antonio College and a Bachelor of Science from Trinity University. He received his Masters Degree in Judicial Studies from the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada. He has been a Board Certified Specialist in Criminal Law since 1975 by the Texas State Board of Legal Specialization. He has more than 40 years of experience in the Criminal Justice System.

In March, 1998, he was appointed by Commissioners Court to serve as Judge, Bexar County Court at Law No. 1 and Probate, and in June, was elected for the same position by the Bexar County Democratic Precinct Chairs. He ran unopposed in the general election in November, 1998. He was re-elected in 2002 and 2006, and currently running for his 4th term.

Judge Al Alonso's expertise in criminal law and extensive legal experience has prepared him to serve as Judge of County Court at Law No. 1 which handles primarily criminal matters.

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H. Paul Canales
County Court-at-Law #2

In 1968, I graduated from Jefferson High School, received a scholarship to attend Texas A&M and graduated from there in 1972. I then attended Texas Tech Law School where I graduated in 1975. In 1975, I was hired by the Bexar County District Attorney's Office where I served for 7 years. As an Assistant District Attorney, I tried cases ranging from speeding tickets to capital murder cases. During this time, while at the courthouse and trying to help a bailiff, I was stabbed in the heart. Within a month, I was back at work trying cases and finished my first 26 mile marathon within the year.

After 7 years in the District Attorney's Office, I went into private practice for 5 years while also serving as a juvenile referee. In 1988, I successfully ran for Judge of County Court at Law No. 2.

County Court at Law No.2 is a court of general jurisdiction. It handles both civil and criminal cases. After 22 years of serving you as the judge of County Court at Law No. 2, I believe that I have been fair and impartial to everyone who has appeared before me, and I have efficiently handled both a full civil and a full criminal docket.

I believe that in this race I am the most qualified candidate for the job. I respectfully ask for your vote on election day, November 2nd.



David Rodriguez
County Court-at-Law #3

Judge David J. Rodriguez has been the presiding judge of County Court at Law #3 for the past seven and a half years. Over the last several years, numerous judicial polls conducted by a number of independent organizations have consistently ranked Judge Rodriguez within the top ten (10%) percent of all Bexar County Courts at Law judges. Not only did those polls look at his performance as a judge but also his work ethic, knowledge of the law and judicial demeanor and integrity.

David is a graduate of Central Catholic High School and St. Mary's School of Law. He is active in numerous organizations including the San Antonio Living History Association, Mexican American Bar Association and the "ACTS" community. He sits on the board of directors for the Hispanic Law Alumni Association and St. Mary's Law School Alumni Association.

He is a graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy. His campaign has been endorsed by numerous organizations including the San Antonio Police Officer's Association, the Bexar County Sheriff's Department Association and the San Antonio Firefighters Association. David is married the Margarita Rodriguez and is a proud father of three children.



Alfredo Ximenez
County Court-at-Law #4

My name is Alfredo M. Ximenez. I am the Democratic candidate for Judge of County Court at Law #4. I am currently a licensed attorney and have been practicing in San Antonio and surrounding counties since May 2003. The focus of my practice is state and federal criminal defense. I am licensed to practice in all state courts in Texas, the United States Western District of Texas and the United States Federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. I am a graduate of Burbank High School, of San Antonio College with an Associate degree in Criminal Justice, of the University of Texas at San Antonio where I received a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and of St. Mary's Law School where I received my law degree. I passed the bar exam in May of 2003.

Having been born and raised on the Southside of San Antonio, and coming from humble beginnings, I was exposed to a predominately blue collar work ethic. My parents instilled in me the morals of hard work and education. As far back as I can remember, my family has been involved in San Antonio politics and have consistently been "true blue" Democrats. I was always taught and agreed with the democratic way of thinking and strongly support the Democratic Party.

I have chosen to run for Judge of County Court #4 to serve my community in order to make a greater impact. I believe we must have a proactive judiciary and not simply let the legal system take its course. We must constantly be in touch with our community and respond to its changing needs. As a product of this strong democratic community, I can make a difference and make a change where change is needed. Staying in touch with my roots and my community also strengthens my ability to serve San Antonio and Bexar County in a judicial capacity.

Your vote for me in the November 2nd General Election would be greatly appreciated.



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Ina Castillo
County Court-at-Law #5

I am a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's University School of Law. Immediately after being admitted to the State Bar of Texas, I was employed with the Bexar County District Attorney's Office for six years. I prosecuted various cases such as domestic violence, child abuse, and murders. Additionally, I participated in the Felony Drug Court program under the direction of the 175th and 186th Judicial District Courts. At the end of 2006, I entered into private practice. Aside from handling family law cases, the majority of my case



load is comprised of criminal defense cases. I also practice in the Children's Courts of Bexar County in cases involving Child Protective Services, where I am appointed by the courts to represent the children or the parents.

The citizens of Bexar County deserve a dedicated judge who has a thorough understanding of the law. I will strive to run an efficient court that meets the needs of the litigants, protects victim's rights, and ensures that those who violate the law are held accountable. I have both the legal and professional experience to be an effective county court judge, as well as the ability to evaluate new initiatives to make the court more accessible to the public.

I am honored to be endorsed in this judicial race by the San Antonio Police Officers Association, the AFL-CIO, the Bexar County Probation Department, and Sheriff Amadeo Ortiz.

Ray Olivarri
County Court-at-Law #6

In 2006, I was elected to be your Presiding Judge of Bexar County Court at Law No. 6. I have also been selected to preside over the first Veterans Court in Bexar County.

I am a lifelong resident of Bexar County, married with two children. The safety of the citizens of Bexar County and the betterment of our community are paramount to me. I have over 20 years of working in the criminal justice system, as a probation officer, attorney and judge. I have conducted many trials to conclusion, heard hundreds of motions, have volunteered to work nights and weekends presiding over the Jail Court and as on-call judge during blood draw weekends.

My years of experience as a public servant have served me well in my position as a Bexar County Judge as evidenced by the statistics based on the Bexar County Judicial Management Report. The report reflects that in my first term in office as judge of Bexar County Court at Law No. 6, I have disposed of more than 17,000 cases. I have the highest number of dispositions at the lowest cost per disposition, with the cost to local taxpayers of one dollar per disposition.

As part of my community service, I implemented the Library Program. I also participate in the



Courts in School Program, where students have the opportunity to hear real cases and learn the importance of making right choices.

In judicial poll results, I have been consistently voted one of the best judges in Bexar County because of my hard work, my following the law and my judicial temperament. I have also been endorsed by law enforcement for my leadership, integrity and commitment to this community.

I have been actively involved in the planning stages of the Veterans Court for over a year. I have worked closely with the Veterans Administration, State Representatives and local Bexar County officials in initiating this program, specifically designed to provide veterans with the tools they need in order to lead a productive and law-abiding life. Implementation is set to commence in September 2010. I will also be working on beginning a mentoring program to provide support services for soldiers who participate in the program.

My plans are to continue working with my staff to dispose of cases in a timely and efficient manner. I also plan to continue networking with our local agencies to implement programs to reduce recidivism of offenders in our community, ensure the safety of the community, and help make Bexar County a better and safer place to live. In addition, I look forward to presiding over the Veterans Court and seeing this much needed court evolve and will continue to serve the community with respect, fairness and hard work. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Liza Rodriguez
County Court-at-Law #8

Liza was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. She is one of five children born to Abraham and Minerva Rodriguez. Following graduation from high school, she attended Laredo Junior College where she obtained her Associates degree while working part time at Webb County Title & Abstract Company. Liza was accepted as a Meadows Excellence in Teaching Fellow at the University of North Texas, where she graduated with her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science with a minor in Communication & Public Address. The summer after graduation, Liza was selected as one of sixteen graduate students nationwide to participate in the prestigious Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Fellowship. As a CHCI Fellow, she lived in Washington, D.C. where she worked as a legislative analyst with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF).

Following her ten month fellowship, she returned to San Antonio to begin law school at St. Mary's School of Law. She graduated from law school and was licensed to practice law in 1997. She worked briefly in the areas of Social Security and Worker's Compensation before beginning her career as a Bexar County Assistant District Attorney under both Steve Hilbig and Susan Reed. During her ten year tenure at the D.A.'s office, Liza prosecuted numerous cases from misdemeanor DWI's to felony murders. She was



assigned to the trial division for nine of the ten years, spending her last year in the Family Justice Division, where she handled crimes against children.

She has worked tirelessly over the years representing the State of Texas and victims of crime in court. Additionally, she has enjoyed a strong partnership with various law enforcement agencies. After leaving the District Attorney's office, she was hired by the County Court at Law Judges as their Chief Administrator. As Administrator, she was responsible for an over seven million dollar budget, all projects involving the fifteen County Courts, in addition to the Jail Court and Impact Courts. She managed personnel issues, and worked closely with other county department heads to address the continued issue of jail overcrowding. She represented the County Court Judges at Commissioner's Court and was responsible for monitoring and presenting legislation on behalf of the County Courts.

In order to run for office, Liza resigned her position as Administrator and is currently in private practice, with a focus on criminal defense. She is the proud mother of two children, Alina, who is eight and Aiden, who is four.

Liza's background and work experience allow her to offer a unique judicial perspective. Her vision for County Court #8 involves focusing on alternatives to incarceration, expanding the court to serve as a Drug Court partner and supporting a new docket management system. Additionally, she fully supports the re-structuring of the Community Supervision Department in order to more efficiently and effectively supervise offenders.

Monica Guerrero
County Court-at-Law #7

As the judge of Bexar County Court at Law #7, Judge Guerrero hears domestic violence cases for Bexar County that includes assaults on family or household members, violations of protective orders as well as other misdemeanor cases. First elected in November 2002, she was reelected to a second four-year term in November of 2006.

Judge Guerrero received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She later became a Counsel for Legal Educational Opportunity (CLEO) Fellow in 1991 and attended their institute at the University of Missouri. She then graduated with her J.D. from the University of Kansas School Of Law in 1994.

While in law school, Judge Guerrero worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation, Legal Services for Prisoners and Legal Services for Students. One of the first appellate cases she briefed went up to the Kansas Supreme Court in a published opinion. Upon completion of law school, Judge Guerrero clerked for the Texas Attorney General's Office in the General Litigation Section. In 1995, she accepted a position in the Bexar County District Attorney's Office as an assistant District Attorney. Judge Guerrero was an assistant district attorney until taking the bench January 1, 2003.

Judge Guerrero was featured on the Hallmark Channel show New Morning, May 26, 2004, entitled "Spiritual Journeys." She was the recipient of the Elected Official of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers, San Antonio Branch, 2005. She was also a recipient of the 2005 West San Antonio Chamber Doctoral Achievement Award. She participates in the Courts in Schools program which brings real court cases and hearings to the middle and high schools in Bexar County. She also teaches on the national, state and local level regarding domestic violence issues.

Judge Guerrero is the former administrative judge for the Bexar County Courts. She served in that capacity for two years. Judge Guerrero also presents the Family Violence component for the Police Officer Sensitivity Training conducted at the San Antonio Police academy. She is a Board Member of Children and Horses Always Produce Success (CHAPS). She is on the Advisory Board for the Safe Havens Grant Committee. She is also a board member of the Texas Center for the Judiciary and the Chair of the DWI Curriculum Committee for the statewide education of judges on driving while intoxicated issues.

Judge Guerrero is also a graduate of the Texas College for Judicial Studies, specializing in Criminal Law. She is also a frequent Seminar Leader for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. Judge Guerrero has completed her studies in Continuing Judicial Skills in Domestic Violence Cases.

Judge Guerrero looks forward to continuing her work on domestic violence issues and looks forward to the upcoming election in 2010.

