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Press Release

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Judge Lauren Reeder unanimously re-elected as Civil Administrative Judge for second consecutive term

December 8, 2025 — Judge Lauren Reeder, presiding judge over the 234th District Court, has been unanimously re-elected by her colleagues to serve a second one-year term as Administrative Judge for the Civil Division of the Harris County District Courts, beginning Jan. 1, 2026.

During her first term, she played a leading role in orchestrating and securing the approval and funding for the [addition of five new civil district courts](#) set to open in 2026. The expansion is projected to alleviate growing caseloads and improve access to timely justice for the public.

"I am honored to continue serving my fellow judges and the people of Harris County," Judge Reeder said. "The Civil District Courts are committed to resolving disputes fairly and efficiently, and I look forward to building on the progress we have already made."

About Judge Lauren Reeder:

Judge Lauren Reeder was first elected to the Bench in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. She maintains an active trial docket, mentors young lawyers, and speaks regularly for bar association programs. Before taking the Bench in 2019, she was an experienced civil and criminal litigator, served as an assistant District Attorney, and was recognized by *Texas Super Lawyers* as a "Rising Star" based on peer review and professional excellence. Earlier this year, she received the [2025 Judiciary Award](#) from the Mexican-American Association of Texas Foundation in recognition of her leadership and service.

The Role of Administrative Judges:

Administrative judges are elected by fellow judges within each division and serve fixed terms. Their leadership ensures consistent application of court policies, enhances access to justice, and strengthens coordination between the judiciary and the broader legal community. As new challenges and demands emerge, this elected leadership helps guide the Harris County District Courts in serving the public with fairness, integrity, and transparency.

About the Harris County Civil District Courts:

The 24 Harris County Civil District Courts are dedicated to resolving civil disputes efficiently and fairly. These courts address a broad spectrum of issues like malpractice, damages, breach of contract, personal injury, and multi-district litigation. In Texas, district courts have original jurisdiction over civil matters in which a party is seeking equitable relief, injunctive relief, or where the amount in question is \$500 or more. This includes cases involving land titles, election contests, and other civil disputes.

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