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Judge Rabeea Collier elected as Civil Administrative Judge for the Harris County District Courts

April 22, 2026 — Judge Rabeea Sultan Collier, presiding judge over the 113th[th] District Court, has been elected by her colleagues to serve as Administrative Judge for the Civil Division of the Harris County District Courts.

"It is a privilege to serve in this leadership role at a time of meaningful change within our organization," Judge Collier said.

"In the coming year, the division will navigate significant legislative updates, including important changes to motions for summary judgment. At the same time, we are preparing to onboard five new civil courts, an expansion that reflects both increased demand for judicial services and our ongoing commitment to timely access to justice. This growth brings opportunity, but also practical challenges, like ensuring we have the necessary space and resources to support these new courts effectively.

"As an independent judiciary and co-equal branch of government, our mission remains to serve the community through the fair, timely, and efficient resolution of civil cases. I look forward to working alongside our judges, court staff, and justice partners to advance that mission in the year ahead."

About Judge Collier:

Judge Rabeea Collier—a native Houstonian—was first elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. She is double-Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and has presided over more than 75 jury trials. Judge Collier is a recognized leader in the judiciary, having served as President of the Texas Association of District Judges (2024–2025), representing more than 500 judges statewide, and as Chair of Harris County's Jury Committee from 2021 to 2024, overseeing jury operations for more than 80 courts. She has also contributed extensively to judicial education and legal scholarships, including service on the Texas Center for the Judiciary's Curriculum Committee and as Editor of the Civil Trial Section of the Texas Bench Book. Her professional honors include being named Jurist of the Year by the Texas Chapters of the American Board of Trial Advocates and receiving the Houston Bar Association President's Award.

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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