

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

CITY CLERK DEPT.

DEPARTMENT: Municipal Clerk

2013 JAN -9 PM 2:11

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, January 15, 2013

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Richarda Duffy Momsen, (915) 541-4127

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Appointment of part-time Associate Municipal Court Judges.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns?

Council will appoint three candidates from the resumes received to serve as Associate Municipal Court Judges. Ordinance 16274 provides for the selection process. All resumes were forwarded to the City Council for consideration. In addition, the City Manager solicited the recommendation of Presiding Municipal Court Judge Robledo, forwarding the resumes to him for review. The ordinance does not require this inclusion of the Presiding Judge, but the City Manager reasons that since Presiding Judge is more familiar with the legal community and since he will supervise the associates selected, his input is valuable. Council is not bound by the Presiding Judge's recommendation. The recommendation of the Presiding Judge is to re-appoint applicants Sheldon Myers, Jorge Rivas, Cori Harbour-Valdez, Luis Labrado, and Carey Antwine.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

Yes, it is City Council who appoints part-time Associate Municipal Court Judges when a vacancy occurs, in accordance with Ordinance 16274 and the City Charter.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

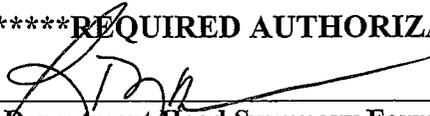
Department ID: 111 (Municipal Clerk)
Fund: 1000 (General Fund)
Division 11060 (Judiciary)
Account: 501000 (Salaries-Judiciary)

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Enter appropriate comments or N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 16274

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL), CHAPTER 2.44 (COURTS); OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 2.44.030 (JUDGES); RELATING TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE SUBSTITUTE ASSOCIATE MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND THE SELECTION OF APPOINTED JUDGES; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 12403, WHICH PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH THE SELECTION PROCEDURE; THE PENALTY BEING AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 1.08.010 - 1.08.030 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, Section 30.00006, Texas Government Code, provides that a City shall establish the terms of office for its Municipal Judges; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter establishes the terms of office for the elected Judges; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate the terms of office for the substitute associate judges that are appointed by the Council in accordance with Section 30.00008, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council last appointed substitute associate municipal judges in 2003 for two year terms ending June 2005; and

WHEREAS, since more than ninety days have passed since the expiration of the original term of these judges who have remained in office, by operation of law, they have automatically been reappointed for a term of the same length, which will expire in June 2007, which makes it unnecessary for the City Council to reappoint those judges at this time; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance replaces the procedure for the nomination and selection of appointed municipal judges contained in Ordinance no. 12403, thus making it appropriate for the Council to repeal that ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 2.44.030 (Judges) of the El Paso City Code is amended as follows:

Section 2.44.030 Judges.

A. In addition to the qualifications prescribed in the city Charter, the presiding municipal judge shall be a licensed attorney at law who has practiced law in Texas at least five years prior to his or her election by a majority of the municipal judges.

B. The term of office for the elected judges shall be as provided in the city Charter.

C. The city council may appoint one or more substitute associate municipal judges to sit for the regular judge of any municipal court when such regular judge is temporarily unable to act for any reason. Such substitute associate municipal judge shall possess the same qualifications required of the regular municipal judges and shall have all the powers and duties of the judge for whom such substitute associate municipal judge is sitting while so acting.

D. The term of office for the substitute associate municipal judges is four years. The term of office for any substitute associate municipal judge appointed by the Council for a term beginning in June 2003, and who was automatically reappointed in 2005 by operation of law, shall expire in June 2007. Thereafter, appointments to the positions with terms expiring in June 2007 shall be for four year terms. The term of office for substitute associate municipal judges appointed by the Council for a term beginning in June 2005 shall be for four years.

E. When a vacancy arises in a position of municipal court judge or substitute associate municipal court judge, or new appointments of judges are necessary, the following selection process will be utilized.

1. The Municipal Clerk will notify the City Manager of the vacancy or need for the Council to make appointments.
2. The City Manager will post a public notice in the same manner as City Council agendas are posted, announcing the acceptance of resumes of interested candidates requesting to be considered in the selection process and will set a deadline for candidates to submit those resumes to the members of the City Council.
3. Each member of the City Council may submit the names of one or more candidates to the City Manager for consideration in the selection process no later than ten days after the deadline set for the submission of resumes.
4. The City Manager will compile a list of the candidates and as soon as practicable, place an appropriate item on the City Council agenda to enable the City Council to make the appropriate appointments.

F. Any substitute associate municipal judge appointed pursuant to subsection C of this section may be assigned to serve as night magistrate under the supervision of the presiding municipal judge. The duties of the night magistrate shall be those prescribed by the laws of the state, particularly the Code of Criminal Procedure, at the discretion of the presiding judge.

G. A vacancy in the office of elected judge is filled by appointment by the city council and the person appointed serves until the next regular municipal election, at which time his successor shall be elected. An appointee may succeed himself or herself.

H. A vacancy in the office of substitute associate judge is filled by appointment by the city council and the person appointed serves the remainder of the expired term.

Section 2. That Ordinance no. 12403, An Ordinance Establishing a Procedure for the Appointment of Municipal Court Judges, is repealed.

Section 3. Except has herein amended, Title 2 (Administration and Personnel) shall remain in full force and effect.

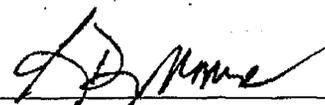
ADOPTED this 7th day of February 2006.

CITY OF EL PASO


BETO O'ROURKE
MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

for: John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:


Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Laura P. Gordon
Deputy City Attorney

0912 - Associate Municipal Judge

Contact Information -- Person ID: 14012254

Name: Cori A Harbour-Valdez

Personal Information

Can you, after employment, submit proof of your legal right to work in the United States? Yes
 What is your highest level of education? Doctorate

Preferences

Preferred Salary:
 Are you willing to relocate?

 Types of positions you will accept:
 Types of work you will accept:
 Types of shifts you will accept:

Objective

Education

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| Graduate School | Did you graduate: Yes |
| <i>Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University</i> | College Major/Minor: Law |
| 8/1994 - 5/1997 | Degree Received: Doctorate |
| Houston, Texas | |

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|--|---|
| College | Did you graduate: Yes |
| <i>The University of Texas at Austin</i> | College Major/Minor: Sociology/Government |
| 8/1989 - 5/1993 | Degree Received: Bachelor's |
| Austin, Texas | |

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| High School | Did you graduate: Yes |
| <i>Liberty High School</i> | Degree Received: High School Diploma |
| 8/1985 - 5/1989 | |
| Liberty, Texas | |

Work Experience

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Owner/Attorney | Hours worked per week: 40 |
| 2/2004 - Present | Monthly Salary: \$7,000.00 |
| The Harbour Law Firm, P.C. | # of Employees Supervised: 1 |
| www.harbourlaw.net | Name of Supervisor: Self |
| 1522 Montana Avenue, Suite 100 | May we contact this employer? Yes |
| El Paso, Texas 79902 | |
| (915) 544-7600 | |

Duties

Private law practice focused on Criminal Defense, Civil & Criminal Appeals and Civil Litigation.

Reason for Leaving
N/A

Part-time Faculty
1/2002 - 5/2011

The University of Texas at El Paso
El Paso, Texas

Hours worked per week: 20
Monthly Salary: \$0.00
of Employees Supervised: 0
Name of Supervisor: William Weaver, J.D.,
Ph.D.
May we contact this employer? Yes

Duties

Responsibilities include teaching an upper division government course aimed at pre-law students titled, "Courts in Action." The course is a survey of the United States and Texas judicial systems, with emphasis upon the "real world" workings of our judicial system. Responsibilities also include preparing course reading materials, lectures and exams, organizing guest speakers, and coordinating visits to courts and other legal-related entities.

Reason for Leaving

I taught the class during the Spring Semester 2002-2011. It was not offered in 2012.

Law Clerk/Staff Attorney/Senior Staff Attorney
9/1997 - 1/2004

The Eighth Court of Appeals
www.8thcoa.courts.state.tx.us
500 E. San Antonio, Suite 1203
El Paso, Texas 79901
(915) 546-2240

Hours worked per week: 40
Monthly Salary: \$0.00
of Employees Supervised: 0
Name of Supervisor: Richard Barajas - Chief
Justice
May we contact this employer? Yes

Duties

Conducting manual and computer-assisted electronic research, preparing pre-submission memoranda, reviewing pre- and post-submission motions and making recommendations on their disposition, participating in case conferences, attending and evaluating oral argument, supervising legal interns, reviewing current developments in civil and criminal law and performing other administrative duties.

Reason for Leaving

I left to open my own law office.

Certificates and Licenses

Type: Texas Law License
Number: 24004685

Issued by: Texas Supreme Court

Date Issued: 5 /1998 Date Expires:

Type: New Mexico Law License
Number: 20321

Issued by: New Mexico Supreme Court

Date Issued: 9 /2004 Date Expires:

Skills

Office Skills

Typing:

Data Entry:

Additional Information

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| References | | | |
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| Curriculum Vitae | Harbour CV SEPT 2012 | Other | Job Seeker |



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 P.O. Box 13268, El Paso, Texas 79913
 Fax: 915.975.8036

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 www.harbourlaw.net

LOCAL BAR LEADERSHIP

El Paso Bar Association
Immediate Past President, 2009-2010
President, 2008-2009
President-Elect, 2007-2008
Vice President, 2006-2007
Treasurer, 2005-2006
Secretary, 2004-2005
Director, 2000-2003
Ex Officio 2011-2014
Member since 1997

El Paso Young Lawyers Association
President, 2001-2002
Secretary, 2000-2001
Director, 1998-2007
Member since 1997

El Paso Women's Bar Association
President, 2000-2001
Secretary, 1999-2000
Member since 1997

El Paso Bar Foundation
Founding Fellow
Secretary, 2012-2013
Director, 2010-2013

STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Board of Directors
2008-2014

Texas Bar Historical Foundation
Treasurer, 2007-present
Trustee, 2007-present

Texas Bar Foundation
Board of Directors, 2009-2010
District 17 Nominations Chair, 2011-2013
Fellow

Texas Bar Journal
Board of Editors, 2008-2009

College of the State Bar of Texas
Member

Appellate Section
Member

TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Immediate Past President 2010-2011
President, 2009-2010
President-Elect, 2008-2009
Vice President, 2007-2008
Director, District 14, 2003-2008

LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Planned Giving and Endowment Board
Director, 2006-present

The University of Texas at El Paso
Instructor, "Courts in Action,"
Spring 2002-Spring 2011
LSPI Advisory Board, Founding Member
Instructor, "Law School for Non-Lawyers"

Positive Role Model Program
Pen Pal/Mentor, 2006-2009; 2011-2012

Women's Political Action Committee
Member, 2006-2012

Planned Parenthood Center of El Paso
President, 2007
Board Member, 2002-2009

Do the Write Thing
Blue Ribbon Panel Member, 2009

EDUCATION

Texas Southern University
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 1997
Law Review, Articles Editor

The University of Texas at Austin
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, 1993

Liberty High School, Liberty, Texas
Magna Cum Laude, 1989

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Texas Super Lawyers
Selected for inclusion 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012
El Paso Bar Association
Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney, 2009-2010

El Paso Young Lawyers Association
Created Law Day Award:
Cori A. Harbour Outstanding Pre-law Student Award

Texas Young Lawyers Association
President's Award of Merit, 2004-2005

ABA/YLD "Star of the Quarter"
Outstanding Affiliate Leader, Spring 2002

El Paso Young Lawyers Association
Outstanding Young Lawyer of El Paso, 2000-2001

PROFESSIONAL

Licensed in Texas and New Mexico

Admissions
United States Supreme Court
United States Courts of Appeal for the Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits
Western District of Texas
Southern District of Texas
Northern District of Texas
District of New Mexico
District of Colorado

CJA Panel Member
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
Western District of Texas
District of New Mexico

Western District of Texas, El Paso Division Committee on Admissions
Member, 2011-2014

Eighth Court of Appeals, El Paso
Law Clerk, Staff Attorney and Senior Staff Attorney, 1997-2004

The Harbour Law Firm, P.C.
2004-present

0912 - Associate Municipal Judge**Contact Information -- Person ID: 10466268**

Name: Luis C. Labrado

Personal Information

Driver's License:

Can you, after employment, submit proof of your legal right to work in the United States? Yes

What is your highest level of education? Doctorate

Preferences

Preferred Salary:

\$45.00 per hour;
\$25,000.00 per year

Are you willing to relocate?

I reside in El Paso. The job is in El Paso

Types of positions you will accept:

Temporary

Types of work you will accept:

Full Time , Part Time ,
Per Diem

Types of shifts you will accept:

Day , Evening , Night ,
Weekends , On Call (as
needed)**Objective**

I would like to participate in and help accomplish the effective delivery of client service to the citizenry, the legal enforcement authority, the City of El Paso. The salary objective is as presented for this position and the work performed.

Education

Professional
University of Houston Law Center
9/1974 - 5/1973
Houston, Texas

Did you graduate: Yes
College Major/Minor:
Degree Received: Professional

Work Experience

Attorney
2/1983 - Present
Luis C. Labrado Attorney at Law
2601 Montana Ave.
El Paso, Texas 79903
(915) 562-1140

Hours worked per week: 50
Monthly Salary: \$0.00
of Employees Supervised: 1
May we contact this employer? Yes

Duties

All phases of legal advocacy and litigation

Associate Municipal Judge
2/2012 - 5/2012

Municipal Court of the City of El Paso

Hours worked per week: 5
Monthly Salary: \$45.00
of Employees Supervised: 0
Name of Supervisor: Judge Daniel Robledo -

800 E. Overland
El Paso, Texas 79901

Administrative Municipal Court Judge
May we contact this employer? Yes

Duties

all judicial duties of a Judge and Magistrate

Reason for Leaving

mandatory resignation to file for elective office

Municipal Court Judge

4/1982 - 11/1988

City of El Paso
El Paso, Texas 79901

Hours worked per week: 10
Monthly Salary: \$1,200.00
of Employees Supervised: 3
May we contact this employer? Yes

Duties

All judicial function duties

Reason for Leaving

mandatory resignation to seek judicial position

Certificates and Licenses

Type: Law License

Number: 11786400

Issued by: State Bar of Texas

Date Issued: 11 /1977 Date Expires:

Skills

Office Skills

Typing: 50

Data Entry: 0

Other Skills

computer use for research, internet, data search
Skilled - 15 years and 1 months

Languages

Spanish - Speak, Read, Write

Additional Information

References

Resume

Text Resume

Attachments

0912 - Associate Municipal Judge**Contact Information -- Person ID: 13873193**

Name: Carey Antwine

Personal Information

Driver's License:

Can you, after employment, submit proof of your legal right to work in the United States? Yes

What is your highest level of education? Doctorate

Preferences

Preferred Salary:

Are you willing to relocate?

Types of positions you will accept:

Regular

Types of work you will accept:

Full Time , Part Time , Per Diem

Types of shifts you will accept:

Day , Evening , Night , Rotating , Weekends , On Call (as needed)

Objective

To serve as an Associate Municipal Judge for the city of El Paso, Texas

Education**Graduate School**St. Mary's School of Law
www.stmarytx.edu/law
8/2000 - 12/2002
San Antonio, Texas

Did you graduate: Yes

College Major/Minor: Law

Degree Received: Doctorate

CollegeSan Diego State University
www.sdsu.edu
8/1998 - 12/1999
San Diego, California

Did you graduate: Yes

College Major/Minor: Political Science/Music

Degree Received: Bachelor's

Work Experience**Attorney**

8/2012 - Present

Law Office of Carey Antwine
www.antwinelaw.com
8732 Alameda
El Paso, Texas 79907
(915) 858-0665

Hours worked per week: 40

Monthly Salary: \$5,000.00

of Employees Supervised: 1

Name of Supervisor: n/a - n/a

May we contact this employer? No

Duties

represent criminal defendants; represent clients in family law and probate cases;

Reason for Leaving

n/a

Assistant County Attorney
11/2006 - 8/2012

El Paso County Attorney's Office
www.epcounty.com/CA
500 E. San Antonio
El Paso, Texas 79901
(915) 546-2082

Hours worked per week: 40
Monthly Salary: \$6,500.00
of Employees Supervised: 0
Name of Supervisor: Laura Christopherson -
Juvenile Division Chief
May we contact this employer? Yes

Duties

prosecute juvenile cases; prepare witnesses/cases for trial; negotiate pleas; write/argue appeals; handle court docket(s); represented clients in obtaining protective orders; aid criminal unit at jail magistrate hearings; determine probable cause for detention hearings and screening cases

Reason for Leaving

wanted to practice other types of law; have solo practice

Assistant District Attorney
3/2003 - 11/2006

El Paso District Attorney's Office
www.epcounty.com
500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 201
El Paso, Texas 79901
(915) 546-2059

Hours worked per week: 40
Monthly Salary: \$5,000.00
of Employees Supervised: 0
Name of Supervisor: Aaron Setliff - Chief of Family
Violence Unit
May we contact this employer? Yes

Duties

prosecute adult crimes; screen cases; prepare cases for trial; prosecute family violence cases; handle cases in the jail magistrate; screen cases at DIMS; determine probable cause;

Reason for Leaving

offered a position in juvenile law

Certificates and Licenses

Type: Texas Bar License
Number: 24038745
Issued by: State Bar of Texas
Date Issued: 5 /2003 Date Expires:

Skills

Office Skills

Typing:
Data Entry:

Additional Information**References**

Professional
Christopherson, Laura
Juvenile Division Chief
500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 503
El Paso, Texas 79901
(915) 546-2082
laura.christopherson@epcounty.com

Professional
Ligon, Maria

Judge (Juvenile Referee)
6400 Delta
El Paso, Texas 79905
(915) 849-2500

Resume

Text Resume

Carey Antwine
428 Emerald Bluff
El Paso, Texas 79928
(915) 630-3138
carey.antwine@gmail.com

EDUCATION

St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas o Juris Doctorate, December, 2002
? San Diego State University, San Diego, California
o Bachelor of Arts, December, 1999
o Major: Political Science
o Minor: Music
? Hanks High School, El Paso, Texas
o Diploma, May, 1996
o GPA: 98 (28 out of 532)

WORK EXPERIENCE

? Law Office of Carey Antwine, El Paso, Texas
o Attorney (Solo Practitioner), August, 2012 - Present
o Duties: Represent Clients in criminal, family, and probate law cases
? El Paso Community College, El Paso, Texas
o Part-time Faculty, January, 2010 - Present
o Duties: teach undergraduate criminal justice courses to include Courts and Court Systems, Introduction to Criminal Law, Correctional Systems, and Criminal Procedure.
? University of Phoenix, Santa Teresa, New Mexico/El Paso, Texas
o Instructor, December, 2006 - Present
o Duties: teach undergraduate courses in criminal justice, history, and general studies to include Juvenile Law, Criminal Law, History of the United States Constitution, Ethics in Criminal Justice, Future of Criminal Justice, Research and Writing, and General Studies.
? El Paso County Attorney's Office, El Paso, Texas
o Assistant County Attorney, November 2006 - August, 2012
o Duties: prosecute juvenile crimes; prepare and evaluate cases for trial; write appellate briefs; evaluate probable cause for detention hearings, screening cases; draft/file motions; communicate with witnesses/victims; present cases to the Grand Jury; represent clients in protective order hearings; assist other units in the office; give presentations to law enforcement, students, teachers, administrators and other members of the community on juvenile law/criminal law/dating violence/importance of an education/etc.

? Office of the District Attorney 34th Judicial District, El Paso, Texas
o Assistant District Attorney, March 2003 - November, 2006
o Duties: Prosecute criminal offenses; prepare/evaluate cases for trial; subpoena witnesses; research case law; draft and file motions; negotiate plea agreements; communicate with witnesses and victims; screen cases; train new trial partners; present cases to the Grand Jury; argue bond reduction hearings; manage jail magistrate docket; prosecute family violence cases; complete assigned tasks.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

? Sigma Alpha Iota, alumnae chapter
? Texas High School Mock Trial Competition, coach/judge
? Teen Court, judge

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

? The El Paso Bar Association, Member
? The El Paso Women's Bar Association, Treasurer

REFERENCES

? Laura Christopherson, Juvenile Division Chief
o 500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 503, El Paso, Texas 79901
o (915) 546-2082
? Vanessa Hernandez, Legal Secretary
o 500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 503, El Paso, Texas 79901
o (915) 546-2082
? Richard Ainsa, Judge (Juvenile Referree)
o 6400 Delta, El Paso, Texas 79905
o (915) 849-2500

Attachments

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| Resume | resume2012wd2003 | Resume | Job Seeker |

Carey Antwine

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- **St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas**
 - Juris Doctorate, December, 2002
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 - *Assistant District Attorney*, March 2003 – November, 2006
 - *Duties*: Prosecute criminal offenses; prepare/evaluate cases for trial; subpoena witnesses; research case law; draft and file motions; negotiate plea agreements; communicate with witnesses and victims; screen cases; train new trial partners; present cases to the Grand Jury; argue bond reduction hearings; manage jail magistrate docket; prosecute family violence cases; complete assigned tasks.

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- **Teen Court, judge**

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- **The El Paso Women's Bar Association, Treasurer**

REFERENCES

- **Laura Christopherson, Juvenile Division Chief**
 - 500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 503, El Paso, Texas 79901
 - (915) 546-2082
- **Vanessa Hernandez, Legal Secretary**
 - 500 E. San Antonio, Rm. 503, El Paso, Texas 79901
 - (915) 546-2082
- **Richard Ainsa, Judge (Juvenile Referee)**
 - 6400 Delta, El Paso, Texas 79905
 - (915) 849-2500