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HARRIS COUNTY CIVIL COURTS AT LAW NAME NEW ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE FOR 2022

Jan. 10, 2022 — Judge Audrie Lawton-Evans, presiding judge for Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 1, has been named administrative judge of the county's civil courts at law.

As administrative judge, Lawton-Evans will be tasked with providing judicial leadership and general administrative guidance, including convening and presiding over judicial meetings and serving as the primary representative to various county departments, officials, and projects.

Elected unanimously by her fellow county civil court judges, she will hold the position for a one-year term, ending Dec. 31, 2022.

A native Houstonian and civil litigation attorney, Lawton-Evans began her legal career as an assistant attorney general in the Texas Attorney General's Civil Litigation Division in Austin. After returning to Houston, she served as assistant disciplinary counsel for the State Bar of Texas, special prosecutor for the state's Special Prosecution Unit, and general counsel for a Houston company.

Most recently, she was appointed by Harris County Commissioners in August 2021 to fill the vacant bench in Civil Court at Law No. 1.

Lawton-Evans is licensed by the State Bar of Texas and the Federal Courts' Southern, Eastern, Western, and Northern districts of Texas, as well as the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. She also is a member of the Houston Bar Association and has worked with the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Association to help match lawyers with indigent clients.

She holds a bachelor's degree in history from Loyola University and a law degree from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

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