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Harris County Office of Court Management names first Latina to serve as department's second-in-command

June 28, 2024 — A 25-year veteran court administrator has been tapped to serve as second-in-command for Harris County's Office of Court Management.

Sylvia Cherry assumed her role as Assistant Court Manager for the Office of Court Management last month. She is the first woman and first Hispanic woman to serve in the position.

A key member of the department's executive leadership team, Cherry is tasked with coordinating support for courts, monitoring data and performance metrics, identifying ways to streamline operations and maximize efficiency, and liaising with county departments and justice partners.

"Sylvia brings a tremendous work ethic and can-do attitude to our courts, and I know she will continue to do excellent work in her new position," said Court Manager Ed Wells, who serves as the department head for the Office of Court Management. "This move strengthens our organizational structure and complements our continuing efforts to enhance and augment the work of the courts."

The Office of Court Management is tasked with providing guidance and support for the 20 Harris County Courts at Law and 16 Harris County Justice Courts, as well as the County's 24-hour probable cause court. Like the courts, the Office of Court Management is part of the judicial branch.

Cherry has more than 25 years of experience supporting Harris County criminal, civil, and justice court operations in a variety of roles. Most recently, she spent the past six years serving as County Court Services Director, supporting the Harris County Courts at Law and 24-hour probable cause court.

She brings to her new role a passion for justice alongside a strong foundation in case flow management principles, court processes, and staff development, as well as well-honed strategic planning, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

"Courts play a vital role — both in our daily lives and as one of the cornerstones of our democracy. Everyone deserves accessible and equitable justice," Cherry said. "I'm honored to be able to continue working on behalf of the courts as we come together to further that mission."

Cherry holds a bachelor's degree in political science and is a Certified Court Manager, a designation attained through the National Center for State Courts' Institute for Court Management. She also is a graduate of the Harris County Executive Leadership Program.

Additionally, she is a member of the Texas Association of Court Administration, National Association for Court Management, and National Association of Presiding Judges and Court Executive Officers.

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