Texas Supreme Court Appoints Megan LaVoie Agency Director for the Office of Court Administration

Megan LaVoie, current Director of Public Affairs and Special Counsel for the Texas Office of Court Administration, has been <u>appointed</u> as the new administrative director for the state agency. In this position, she will also serve as the Executive Director of the Texas Judicial Council, the policy making body for the judiciary.

The Office of Court Administration is a unique state agency in the judicial branch that operates under the direction of the Texas Supreme Court and Chief Justice and provides resources and information for the efficient administration of the Judicial Branch of Texas.

LaVoie has been the Director of Public Affairs and Special Counsel for the Office of Court Administration since 2016. She previously served as Senior Director of Advocacy for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and General Counsel and Communications Director for former State Senator Robert Duncan. She began her career as a TV reporter and anchor for KJTV in Lubbock, Texas.

"In her seven years at the Office of Court Administration, Megan LaVoie has helped direct legislative and policy initiatives for the judiciary and worked to support Texas courts in meeting the challenges of the COVID pandemic," said Chief Justice Nathan Hecht. "She is a respected administrator and an effective advocate for the justice system."

LaVoie is a graduate of Texas Tech University with degrees in journalism and history, has a law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law, and is a graduate of the 2017 Governor's Executive Development Program.

She succeeds Interim Administrative Director, Mena Ramón who served after former Administrative Director, David Slayton left the position in August 2021 to become Vice President of Court Consulting Services for the National Center for State Courts.

The appointment is effective December 1, 2021.