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DAVID SLAYTON NAMED HEAD OF TEXAS OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION



Lubbock County's court administration director has been named administrative director of the Texas Office of Court Administration, Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson announced Thursday.

David Slayton, who has headed court administration for both district courts and county courts at law in Lubbock County since May 2004, follows Carl Reynolds as OCA director. Reynolds retired March 31.

Before he became Lubbock County's director of court administration, Slayton, from Bellevue, Texas, was court services supervisor for the U.S. District Court in Dallas. He previously served as intake and docketing clerk for the U.S. District Court in Lubbock and as state district court coordinator and deputy district clerk in Lubbock County.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas Tech University and a master's in public administration from Troy State University. He was named a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management by the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Va., in 2007 and is a board member of the National Association for Court Management.

He will become president of the national association in July 2013.

"David Slayton brings comprehensive skills from state and federal court positions as well as a long list of achievements in court administration nationwide," Chief Justice Jefferson said. "His courts-management experience will continue the Office of Court Administration's great service for judges, court staff across Texas, the Legislature and the public."

Slayton was honored in 2008 by the National Center for State Courts for distinguished service and in 2010 by the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense with its Robert O. Dawson Indigent Defense Distinguished Service Award. He was a consultant to the Russian-American Rule of Law Consortium last year.

"I look forward to working with the Supreme Court, the outstanding employees of the OCA, and the rest of the Texas judiciary to improve the administration of justice at a time when the courts of our state and nation face many challenges," Slayton said. "Our joint efforts, together with our numerous partners around the state, will allow us to continue to provide a judicial system of which the citizens, attorneys and litigants of Texas can be proud."

OCA, which provides technical and administrative services to Texas courts, employs or supervises more than 200 employees across the state. Its current annual budget is \$45 million.