

David Slayton, Administrative Director, Texas Office of Court Administration

The Administrative Director is a statutorily created position charged with implementing Texas Government Code Chapter 72 and directing the operations of the Office of Court Administration. In addition to these duties, the Administrative Director serves as the executive director of the Texas Judicial Council, statutorily created to continuously study the organization, rules, procedures and practice, work accomplished, results and uniformity of the discretionary powers of the state courts and methods for their improvement. The Administrative Director is appointed by the Supreme Court and serves under the direction and supervision of the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court.

David Slayton is a Past President of the National Association for Court Management and was formerly the Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Texas Association for Drug Court Professionals. In addition to the aforementioned organizations, David is a member of the Texas Association for Court Administration. Slayton has served as the Administrative Director since May 7, 2012. He has been employed by the Judicial Branch in various roles since 1998, serving as Director of Court Administration for Lubbock County (2004-2012), Deputy Clerk and Court Services Supervisor for the U.S. District Court in Dallas (2001-2004) and Court Coordinator for the 99th District Court in Lubbock County (1999-2001). Mr. Slayton is a graduate of Texas Tech University (B.A.) and Troy University (M.P.A.) and is a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management.

Mary McQueen, President, National Center for State Courts

Mary C. McQueen has served as president of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) since August 2004. Previously McQueen served as Washington State court administrator from 1987-2004 and director of Judicial Services for the Washington State Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 1979-1987, president of the Conference of State Court Administrators in 1995-96, and chair of the Lawyer's Committee of the American Bar Association/Judicial Division. She is a member of the Washington and U.S. Supreme Court Bars. She has received the American Judicature Society's Herbert Harley Award and the NCSC Innovation in Jury Management Award. She also received the John Marshall Award in 2014, presented by the American Bar Association Judicial Division in recognition of her lifetime contributions to the improvement of the administration of justice, judicial independence, justice reform and public awareness. Recently, McQueen received the ABA Judicial Division's Lawyers Conference 2016 Robert B. Yegge Award for Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Judicial Administration. McQueen has served on numerous ABA Committees and Task Forces including the Standing Committee on State and Federal Courts, the Commission on the Future of Legal Services and the newly created ABA Center for Innovation. In her capacity as President of NCSC, McQueen coordinates major national initiatives for the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) including the review of model rules and policies on admission to the bar, legal education requirements and professional ethics for lawyers and judges. President McQueen serves as Secretary General of the International Organization on Judicial Training (IOJT) consisting of 80 country members. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Georgia and a juris doctorate from Seattle University Law School.

Hon. Patricia W. Griffin, Master, Delaware Court of Chancery

Patricia Griffin became a Master in Chancery in July 2017. Before joining the Court, she served as the State Court Administrator for the Delaware Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) where she focused on enhancing the services provided by the AOC to the Courts. Prior to that, Ms. Griffin served as the Chief Magistrate for the Justice of the Peace Court, where she created formal legal educational programs for the justices of the peace. She received her B.A. *cum laude* from Duke University and her J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Hon. Lora J. Livingston, Local Administrative Judge, Travis County Courts

Judge Livingston is a 1982 graduate of the UCLA School of Law. She began her legal career as a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow assigned to the Legal Aid Society of Central Texas in Austin, Texas. After completion of the two-year fellowship program, she continued to work in the area of poverty law until 1988 when she entered private practice with the law firm of Joel B. Bennett, P.C. In 1993, she and S. Gail Parr formed a partnership and opened the law firm of Livingston & Parr. She was engaged in a general civil litigation practice with an emphasis on family law. In January, 1995, she was sworn in as an Associate Judge for the District Courts of Travis County, Texas. After her successful election, Judge Livingston was sworn in as Judge of the 261st District Court in January, 1999. She is the first African-American woman to serve on a district court in Travis County, Texas. Since 2011, she has served as the Local Administrative Judge for the Travis County Courts.

Judge Livingston has been active in local, state and national bar association activities and has served on the boards of the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, Texas Access to Justice Commission, the National Center on Women and Family Law, the National Association of IOLTA Programs, the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas, and the Board of the Texas Center for the Judiciary. She is a member of the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the National Association of Women Judges. She has served as a delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association (ABA) representing the State Bar of Texas and the Travis County Bar Association. Her ABA service includes Chair of the Commission on Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA), Chair of the Standing Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services, Chair of the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (SCLAID), member of the Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, member of the Commission on the Future of Legal Services and member of the ABA Judicial Division. She is a Texas Delegate to the ABA Judicial Division National Conference of State Trial Judges. She has also served on a number of committees in various state and local bar associations, including the Austin Bar Association, the Austin Black Lawyers Association and the Travis County Women Lawyers Association.

Raul Alvarez, Executive Director, Community Advancement Network

Raul Alvarez was hired to serve as CAN's Executive Director in October 2015 and brings a diverse set of skills and experience to the organization. Alvarez served as an Austin City Council

member from 2000 to 2006 and as a representative of the City Council on CAN's governing board during that time. In 2004, he served as the Chair of the CAN governing board. After serving on the Austin City Council, Alvarez was elected to serve on the Austin Community College Board of Trustees from 2008-2010. He also served on the Board of Capital Metro, the Electric Utility Commission, and the Govalle/Johnston Neighborhood Planning Team. Alvarez is the board president of the East Austin Conservancy and a founding member of Futuro Fund Austin. Prior to serving as Executive Director for CAN, Alvarez worked for the Austin Independent School District, working as the Grassroots Community Coordinator for the Office of Redesign (2007 to 2010) and as Administrative Supervisor for the Office of Teaching and Learning (2010 to 2015). Alvarez holds a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Stanford University and a Master of Science in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas at Austin.

Mary Esther Diaz, Translator and Interpreter Trainer

Esther has 16 years of experience working with refugees, including training of interpreters, as well as a 30-year career with state government as a translator, trainer, and executive manager.

Lori Breslow, Director, Texas Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Lori Breslow is the director of the Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services under Health and Human Services (formerly known as DARS). She has been in this role since February 2012.

Ms. Breslow has a Master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Arizona with an undergraduate degree in Independent Studies from New Mexico State University. Her extensive career working with people who are deaf and hard of hearing spans 30 years in state government, non-profit organizations, and private corporations.

The Texas HHSC Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, like most other states, has "broad shoulders" in serving Texans who are deaf or hard of hearing, made possible by its dedicated staff and contractors. Services and programs include advocacy, regulation of Texas interpreting certifications, telephone equipment, training, tuition waiver, camp for deaf youths, senior citizens, and last resort funding for interpreting services.

Alaina Webb, Certified Interpreter, Interim Chair of the Texas Board for Evaluation of Interpreters

Alaina Webb is a certified court interpreter, holding RID NIC Advance, Texas BEI Level IV, Master, and Court Certifications. She has worked as a court interpreter since 1994, and works with courts across North Texas to promote accessibility and understanding of the interpreter's role in legal settings. She has served as an adjunct instructor of interpreting for Tarrant County College since 2004, and has worked closely with Texas BEI certification testing for over ten years. She holds a BGS degree from Texas Woman's University with emphasis in criminal law and legal structure, and is currently serving as the Interim Chair of the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters.