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Hidalgo County Criminal DA announces new appointments to his leadership team

EDINBURG – Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney Ricardo Rodriguez Jr. is pleased to announce the appointments of Ismael “Kino” Flores Jr. as Chief Misdemeanor Prosecutor, Eric Schreiber as Chief Assistant Criminal District Attorney of the Check Fraud Division, and Michael J. Garza as the Co-Chief Assistant Criminal District Attorney of the Intake Division/Grand Jury.

"These are part of changes I am making at the District Attorney's office to restructure and modernize the departments to make them run more efficiently, and to make all the divisions more accountable to the public," said Rodriguez. "My Division Chiefs are the dedicated and talented individuals who will help me implement an ambitious plan of action."

Under the restructuring, Flores, Schreiber and Garza join the DA's leadership team, which includes: First Assistant Criminal District Attorney Juan Villescas; Trial Division Chief Joseph Orendain; Juvenile Division Chief Maxine Longoria Nash; Intake/Grand Jury Division Chief Murray Moore, with Garza serving alongside her; Civil Division Chief Josephine Ramirez; Family Justice and Victim Protection Division Chief Hope Palacios; Appellate Division Chief Ted Hake; Co-Chief of the Misdemeanor Division Monica Auger, working alongside Flores; and HIDTA Commander Joey Delgado.

Schreiber has been a prosecutor for thirteen years, with 10 of those spent prosecuting check-related fraud cases. His duties will include overseeing the day to day operations of the Check Fraud Division and prosecuting check-related crimes. Schreiber will also be tasked with guiding the Hidalgo County District Attorney's Office investigators assigned to the Check Fraud Division in their ongoing investigations.

Another facet of duties assigned to Schreiber will be to oversee the prosecution of all Class C Misdemeanors filed in Justice of the Peace Courts throughout Hidalgo County. He will also work with the Civil Division in assisting the Justices on any issues that arise and will oversee the review of all dismissals.

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Flores, who joined the DA's staff in January, has been practicing law in Texas since 2009 and is licensed by both the Texas and Florida Bar Associations. He brings a broad range of criminal experience to the DA's office. His experience, thus far, has already helped facilitate and improve the working relationship between the DA and law enforcement agencies across Hidalgo County. Flores is and will continue to be a valuable asset to the office, said Rodriguez.

Flores graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 2004 with high honors and a Bachelor of Arts in Government. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law in 2007. While in law school Flores took on several internships, including serving as a Federal Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Ricardo Hinojosa, Chief Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas; Law Clerk for Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.; and Summer Associate for Hill Co. Partners. Upon graduating from law school Flores practiced law for Florida Power and Light Energy in Juno Beach.

In late 2008, Flores returned to Texas and opened his own private law practice. Since then, Flores has handled or assisted in the trial of criminal cases, ranging from Class B Misdemeanors to First Degree Felonies. He also served as a Municipal Judge in La Joya.

Garza has been in private practice for the last 22 years. He has represented individuals charged with state and federal crimes throughout the United States. Garza's duties will include overseeing the day to day operations of the Felony Intake and Grand Jury as well as conducting special investigations for the office, said Rodriguez.

Garza will also assist Co-Chief Murray Moore in presenting cases to the grand jury and will serve as the liaison to law enforcement agencies in an effort to create a synergy between the agencies and the District Attorney's Office.

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