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Judge Omar Maldonado meets goal: 1,000 cases disposed in first 100 days on bench

EDINBURG – County Court at Law No. 8 Judge Omar Maldonado had a goal in mind when elected to office: To increase the efficiency of the court by implementing policies to assist in the speedy disposition of cases.

Maldonado announced Wednesday that he met a personal goal to dispose of 1,000 cases in his first 100 days on the bench by working down to the wire on Friday, April 10 handling criminal cases.

"Disposing of 1,000 cases in my first 100 days was an ambitious goal," Maldonado said. "It was accomplished with the help of the District Attorney's Office, the Hidalgo County Adult Probation Department, members of the Bar, and help from other courts."

Maldonado is serving his first term as judge. Prior to being elected, he worked 14 years as a civil and criminal attorney in McAllen.

"We will continue making this court run as efficiently as possible," Maldonado said. "It is a privilege to serve the citizens of Hidalgo County, and we look forward to continuing to serve and make access to justice available to all."

County Court at Law No. 8 is located in the judicial annex of the Hidalgo County Courthouse. The court handles criminal, civil and family matters.

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Photo Cutline: County Court at Law No. 8 Judge Omar Maldonado hears criminal cases on his 100th day in office Friday, April 10.

NOTE: Judge Maldonado is available for interviews. Contact Assistant Court Coordinator Eduardo "Eddy" Villanueva at 956-655-9587 to arrange.

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