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HIDALGO COUNTY & DISTRICT CLERK ELECTED TO REGION VIII DIRECTORSHIPS

Rockport, Texas – Hidalgo County District Clerk, **Laura Hinojosa**, and County Clerk, **Arturo Guajardo, Jr.**, were elected by their peers on Friday as Director and Director in Charge, respectively, of the *Region VIII County and District Clerk Association of Texas*. As such, Hinojosa and Guajardo will serve as the liaisons between the 34 counties in the region and the executive board of the association.

“I am honored to have been elected to serve as Director and I look forward to taking on a larger role in the review and coordination of the association’s efforts,” said Hinojosa. “I am particularly excited that our region is being represented by both the county and district clerk simultaneously. Mr. Guajardo and I will work diligently with our colleagues and the executive board to insure that the values of the association, its members and the County of Hidalgo are best represented.”

As the new Director and Director in Charge, Hinojosa and Guajardo will oversee the general affairs of the region. This entails facilitating communication between clerks and the association, assisting in the preparation of meetings, seminars or conferences, and insuring that clerks are fulfilling their continuing education commitments required by the State of Texas. Additionally, they will serve as the voice of Region VIII at statewide board meetings, conferences, and legislative committee meetings to insure that tasks are performed for the benefit of the association. Hinojosa and Guajardo will continue to serve as the Hidalgo County District Clerk and County Clerk.

“I look forward to representing the more than 30 counties in our region as their Director in Charge. I am humbled by the confidence that my fellow colleagues have placed in me and I am excited about the opportunity to be an active member of the decision making body for the county and district clerks of Texas,” said Guajardo.

The purpose of the County and District Clerk Association is to promote professional standards, to provide the means for the education of its members regarding the statutory and constitutional duties of the offices of the county clerk and the district clerk, and to participate in the legislative, judicial and executive processes of state government beneficial in the performance of the members’ duties.

Hinojosa’s and Guajardo’s duties become official in June 2008 for a two year-term.

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