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TARRANT ACDA STATE BAR'S NEW JUVENILE CHAIR

Riley Shaw elected Chairman of Juvenile Law Section

(Fort Worth, TX) -- Tarrant County Assistant Criminal District Attorney, Riley Shaw was elected to serve as the new Chairman of the Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar of Texas last week in San Antonio. Chief of the Tarrant County CDA's Juvenile Division, Shaw is widely recognized as one of the leading experts in the state on juvenile justice issues.

Shaw was in San Antonio to serve as Course Director for the State Bar's 29th Annual Juvenile Law Conference, an advanced juvenile law course attended by more than 400 judges, attorneys, probation personnel, and law enforcement from around the state. In addition to setting the curriculum, he was a guest speaker and provided an update on relevant legislative changes.

Shaw has received high profile notice in recent months as the lead prosecutor in the State's case against Ethan Couch.

The mission of the State Bar's Juvenile Law Section (www.juvenilelaw.org) is to provide meaningful support and encourage the highest degree of professionalism and excellence in the practice of juvenile law by providing education on best practices and legal developments. The Council for the Juvenile Section is made up of attorneys working in virtually every area of juvenile law: prosecutors, defense counsel, agency attorneys and judges. In addition to training, the council assists in creating and evaluating legislation relating to the juvenile justice system in Texas.

"We have an intricate system of juvenile justice here in Texas. Expertise is required to navigate the channels and ideally provide a balance between the best interest of the community, and of the juvenile offender," said Tarrant Criminal District Attorney Sharen Wilson. "It is a great benefit to our office to have one of the state's most knowledgeable and experienced juvenile justice attorneys in our corner."

An attorney since 1994, Riley has been an ACDA for Tarrant County since 1999. He was Board Certified in Juvenile Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 2005, and serves as both a member of the Texas Juvenile Justice Board and Chairman of the Juvenile Records Advisory Committee, created by the Texas Legislature. He is also an Advisory Board Member to the Texas Violent Gang Task Force.

"I am honored to represent the Juvenile Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, and am excited to work with such a dedicated and vibrant group of Juvenile Justice practitioners," said Shaw. "Together we can do great things."

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