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**Texas Office of the Attorney General Names State Office Child Support Employee
Assistant Attorney General of the Year**
April Bautista Neckar singled out as region's top attorney for dedication to Texas children

Paris – The Office of the Attorney General recognized April Bautista Neckar, an Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”) in the Child Support Division’s Paris office, for her commitment to Texas children. Bautista Neckar was named Assistant Attorney General of the Year for the Child Support Division’s Region 5. She was presented with the award on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at the Statewide Assistant Attorneys General Conference.

“I commend April for her exceptional dedication to Texas children and families,” Attorney General Paxton said. “Her exemplary service and unwavering commitment embodies the highest of standards. We are profoundly grateful for her contributions and her steadfast loyalty to the people of Texas.”

One Assistant Attorney General was selected for this honor from each of the state’s ten child support regions, along with an Assistant Attorney General from the Child Support Division headquarters office in Austin. Honorees are chosen based on recommendations from their peers and supervisors, focusing on employees willing to go beyond their normal duties to serve Texas children. Each recipient demonstrates a desire to serve Texas families, help their colleagues, and enhance the Attorney General’s Child Support Division.

Bautista Neckar, who joined the Office of the Attorney General in 2018, represents the State of Texas in legal actions to establish paternity between children of unmarried parents and their biological fathers. She also works to establish, enforce, and modify court orders that require parents to provide child support, medical support, and dental support.

A graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, Bautista Neckar was chosen to be the region’s Assistant Attorney General of the Year for being an exemplary attorney, a willing trainer, and a strong leader. She has demonstrated the willingness to take on any task and provide wise legal direction to her co-workers, earning the reputation as a reliable leader.

“April performs her legal responsibilities with ease. She possesses an exceptional ability to make swift and proper legal analysis and sets high standards for her work product down to the smallest of details. She is a forward thinker and consistently employs strategies to succeed,” said Mona Penister, Region 5 Senior Regional Attorney.

The Attorney General's Child Support Division offers an array of services to help families, including locating absent parents; establishing paternity for children born to unmarried parents; establishing, enforcing, and modifying child and medical support orders; and collecting and distributing child support payments.

For more information about the Office of the Attorney General and the child support services it offers, call (800) 252-8014 or visit the agency's website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.

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