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

Pflugerville – The Office of the Attorney General recognized Johanna Thomas, an Assistant Attorney General (“AAG”) in the Child Support Division’s Pflugerville and Georgetown offices, for her commitment to Texas children. Thomas was named Assistant Attorney General of the Year for the Child Support Division’s Region 7. She was presented with the award on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at the Statewide Assistant Attorneys General Conference.

“I commend Johanna 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.

Thomas, who joined the Office of the Attorney General in 2020, 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 Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, Thomas 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.

“Ms. Thomas is the epitome of a team player and a force in court. She frequently volunteers to assist not only her office colleagues with court she isn’t assigned to, but also steps up and assists other offices in the region while they have experienced vacancies. She is professional in all of her interactions with her customers, the private bar and judiciary, and her colleagues. She readily shares her numerous talents with the region. She can always be counted on to be ahead of the curve when it comes to her work. She is a joy to have on our team,” said Heather Monroy, Region 7 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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