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County Eye Newsletter



Assistant County Attorney, Abby Chavez.

The Kerr County Attorney's Office welcomed new Assistant County Attorney Abby Chavez to the staff last week. Chavez came to Kerr County from the Nueces County District Attorney's Office where she has had two years of experience prosecuting both misdemeanor and criminal cases. A native of Laredo, Chavez did her undergraduate work at Baylor University and then graduated from the Law School at the University of Houston Center in 2012. Her first job after law school was with Nueces County.

"At Baylor I really didn't know what I wanted to do and in law school I really didn't see myself in the courtroom setting," Chavez said, "but it was my first job and I found myself really enjoying being in the courtroom with trials. I was in trial a lot in Nueces County."

Chavez said as a prosecutor she feels like she is doing what she's always wanted to do...to help people. She said it is rewarding at the end of the day that you have been able to speak for the victim and helped them find justice.

The first jury trial she handled in Nueces County was a violation of protective order case. The jury deliberated for 8 hours before returning a guilty verdict. Both of the victims in the case were physically challenged and someone had taken advantage of them so Chavez felt she had really found justice for them with the verdict.

“When the verdict was announced I became emotional because one the victims reminded me of my grandmother,” Chavez said.

She said she is looking forward to more cases when she can feel that same sense of accomplishment when the trial is over.

“I want to do a good job and service this community as best I can.”

An avid outdoor person, Chavez said she was attracted to the Hill Country because of the hiking and biking trails and other outdoor activities available in the area.

“I like being outside. I used to run marathons and am looking forward to running again.”

Her parents still live in Laredo but are contemplating moving to the Hill Country also. She has two younger sisters who live in Austin.

“I am really pleased to have Abby join the County Attorney’s office, “ said County Attorney Heather Stebbins, “and she brings valuable experience to our prosecutorial team.”

Chavez has come to Kerr County to replace Assistant County Attorney Ilse Bailey who will be leaving July 2nd. Bailey and her husband who is a physician in the Air Force are moving to Italy where he will be stationed at the Aviano Air Force Base medical facility for the next two years.

We welcome Abby Chavez to the Kerr County family. We express our thanks to Ilse Bailey for her many years of service to Kerr County citizens in a variety of capacities and wish her the best as she and Al move on to their next adventure.