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## **Texas Office of the Attorney General Names Fort Worth Child Support Employee Assistant Attorney General of the Year**

*Karla Byrd was singled out as the region's top attorney for her dedication to Texas children*

**FORT WORTH**– The Office of the Attorney General recognized Karla Byrd, an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) in the Child Support Division's Fort Worth office, for her commitment to Texas children. Byrd was named Assistant Attorney General of the Year for the Child Support Division's Region 9. She was presented with the award on Monday, August 1, 2022, at the Statewide Assistant Attorneys General Virtual Conference.

"I commend Karla for her hard work and dedication to improving the lives of Texas children and families," Attorney General Paxton said. "Karla represents the best, and it is attorneys like her that make this agency great. I am thankful to her for answering the call to serve 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.

Byrd, who joined the Office of the Attorney General in 2016, 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 requiring parents to provide child support, medical support, and dental support.

A graduate of John Marshall Law School, Byrd was chosen as the region's Assistant Attorney General of the Year for being an exemplary attorney, willing trainer, and strong leader. She has demonstrated the willingness to take on any task and provide wise legal direction to her co-workers. She has earned the reputation as a reliable leader.

"Ms. Byrd is the first to volunteer to help whenever the call goes out. She has demonstrated that she is always willing to assist another team in need, and brings enthusiasm and positive energy to every docket. She truly makes the court experience more enjoyable for her fellow AAGs, and for the customers with whom she works," said Region 9 Senior Regional Attorney John Cashman.



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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](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov).

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