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Press Release

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RE: Von Ormy Judge Chris Marrou to be Sworn in by County Judge Nelson Wolff

Former news anchor Chris Marrou will be sworn in as the Associate Municipal Judge of Von Ormy by County Judge Nelson Wolff on Wed August 25th, 2010 at 11:30 AM.

The swearing-in ceremony will be held at:

Commissioners Courtroom

Bexar County Courthouse

100 Dolorosa, Suite 1.20

San Antonio, Texas 78205

(210) 335-2626

About Judge Chris Marrou:

Judge Marrou is a graduate of St. Mary's Law School. The Von Ormy Municipal Court is newly formed and Marrou will serve as one of its founding judges. Marrou was nominated by Mayor Art Martinez de Vara and was approved by a unanimous vote of the City Council.

Mayor Martinez de Vara said, "I am pleased to welcome Judge Marrou to Von Ormy and our tradition of notable Texas Judges. He now joins our other two Judges as 'the law west of the Medina.' "

About the Von Ormy Municipal Court:

The New Municipal Court is expected to begin operations later this year once the City Marshal's Office becomes operational. The City of Von Ormy has also established a City Marshal's Office, which will begin with a City Marshal and two deputy Marshals who have already been selected. The City is currently purchasing equipment and processing the needed paperwork to get the new public safety department operational.

Marrou joins Presiding Judge James Rodriguez who is a graduate of St. Mary's University and has a private general practice in San Antonio and Associate Judge Xiomara Sostre-Escalante who is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico School Of Law and has earned an L.L.M. from the University of Miami School of Law. She has a private federal court practice in San Antonio.

About The Von Ormy Judicial Tradition:

Von Ormy has had a long history of notable judges. In 1871, Hon. Rafael Quintana was elected Justice of the Peace and established the first Court in Von Ormy. Quintana, a veteran of the US Army and Navy, was among the few Hispanic elected officials in the post-Civil War era during which Hispanics were largely disenfranchised by Jim Crow laws. Quintana served as JP and County Commissioner for the remainder of his life.

Von Ormy also boasts one of the first elected woman Judges in Texas, the Hon. Ella Fischer, who took over the Von Ormy Court in 1943. The Brownsville Herald ran a picture of Justice of the Peace Fischer holding her .38 six shooter in 1947 and quoted her saying she gives "justice, but no peace" to abusive husbands. Both Judge Fischer and Judge Quintana are honored by roads named for them in Von Ormy.

Judge Roy Bean established a saloon in Von Ormy years before he left for West Texas and became the "Law West of the Pecos". In the late 1880s, he established a saloon in Von Ormy on the South Bank of the Medina River with a French partner named Grandjean. The venture only lasted a few years. Bean later left for Pecos where became a famous Justice of the Peace.

About Von Ormy:

Von Ormy is located in Southwest Bexar County and is the newest City in Bexar County, being formed in 2008. Von Ormy has 1300 residents and is 2 square miles and lies along I-35 between Loop 410 and Loop 1604 in southwest Bexar County.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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