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COURT'S GENERAL COUNSEL ANNOUNCES HER RESIGNATION



Jennifer Cafferty, the Texas Supreme Court's general counsel since May 2011, has resigned effective September 20 to become director of alumni relations at Houston-based international law firm Vinson & Elkins LLP.

As general counsel, Cafferty was legal adviser to the Court and responsible for relations with the Legislature and the Governor's Office as well as internal administrative functions.

"As general counsel Jen Cafferty had a hand in all the Court's successes in the last two years and no more so than in providing resources and leadership for the Court's efforts to work constructively with the Legislature," Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson said. "She handled all with great humor, great skill and – most of all -- great professionalism."

Cafferty joined the Court in 2009 as staff attorney for original proceedings – the so-called mandamus staff attorney – after four years with Baker Botts LLP in Austin. She earned her law degree from the University of Texas and is a graduate of Rice University, where she was a three-year captain of the women's basketball team.

The Court is searching for her replacement.