

## TEXAS SUPREME COURT ADVISORY

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### COURT'S NEW GENERAL COUNSEL BEGINS



Nina Hess Hsu has begun her duties as general counsel of the Supreme Court of Texas, replacing Jennifer Cafferty, who resigned in September.

Hess Hsu joined the Court from her position as corporate counsel at Texas Mutual Insurance Co. in Austin. She was with Texas Mutual from April 2011, after working as an associate at Vinson & Elkins LLP for three and a half years. She came to V&E after two years as judicial clerk to U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks in Austin.

As general counsel, Hess Hsu will be legal advisor to the Court and responsible for relations with the Legislature and the Governor's Office as well as internal administrative functions.

"Nina brings a wealth of experience – as a court insider, in private practice, and in business – to a crossroads position at the Court," Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht said. "As general counsel, she serves as the Court's legal advisor and will work closely with the Legislature and the Governor's Office to help improve the operation of the Judiciary."

Hess Hsu is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Duke University, where she was Phi Beta Kappa, and of the University of Texas School of Law with honors. At UT she was an articles editor of the Texas Law Review.