

Alexander Appointed as Presiding Judge

At the September 26, 2016 meeting of the Prairie View, Texas City Council, Shelytha Alexander-Simmons, a native of Brookshire, Texas who attended the Royal ISD system, was appointed by Mayor David Allen, as Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court.



Judge Alexander-Simmons has served successfully as the Alternate Judge in the City of Prairie View Municipal Court for over five years. In 2014, with the cooperation of the College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, Judge Alexander-Simmons established a Night Court on the Campus of Prairie View A & M University, which is one of the first programs of its kind, particularly in this state.

Judge Morris L. Overstreet, who is a former Appellate Judge for the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and also the first African American who was elected to a statewide office in Texas, has served as Presiding Judge in the City of Prairie View since January 2007. He announced his retirement from the City of Prairie View earlier this year.

Judge Overstreet administered the oath of office and “passed the gavel” to Shelytha Alexander-Simmons as Presiding Judge during a swearing-in ceremony at the City Council meeting on Monday night, stating, *“I am confident that the Municipal Court for the City of Prairie View is being left in great hands”*.



The City of Prairie View will be hosting a retirement reception for Judge Overstreet at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016, at the Prairie View City Hall.