

# Resolution



ORDER NO: 2018-0830

DATE: August 7, 2018

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, on a motion made by Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following Resolution was adopted:

**WHEREAS**, The Dallas County Commissioners Court likes to take special notice whenever someone leads with vision and unwavering commitment in Dallas County; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Martin Hoffman of the 68th District Court saw a way to revitalize the judicial internship program on behalf of law students in Texas. Since being elected to the 68th Civil District Court in 2006, Judge Hoffman has made it his mission to promote judicial internships as a pathway for opportunity for law students; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2008, Judge Hoffman began partnering with the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers to spearhead their judicial internship program. Judge Hoffman has also been involved with the American Bar Association Judicial Internship Opportunity Program; and

**WHEREAS**, In the last 12 years, Judge Hoffman has supervised over 250 law students, about a dozen economically disadvantaged high school students and about 20 new lawyers. He has also recruited judges to participate in these judicial internship programs. In addition, Judge Hoffman has served as the judicial liaison to the Dallas Bar Association Student Law Intern Program for Dallas Independent School District high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Hoffman's goal is to be a mentor and a teacher to those who are interested in the legal profession. Judge Hoffman has organized the Winter Break Judicial Intern Job Fair, where hundreds of law students have obtained interviews with Dallas County judges. Interns have seen how the court works and had a chance to see the process in action. Most importantly, interns gain self-confidence and see a legal career as something real, tangible, and achievable; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of his efforts, Judge Hoffman was honored with the "Hon. Cleo R. Steele Committed Mentor Award" on behalf of J.L. Turner Legal Association in 2016. Judge Hoffman also received the "Outstanding Mentor Award" from the Texas Young Lawyers Association and the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers in 2012, and, awards from Texas Tech and Texas A&M Law School for his work mentoring law students at those schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dallas County Commissioners Court recognizes Judge Martin Hoffman for his many years of service with the judicial internship program.

**DONE IN OPEN COURT**, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

Clay Lewis Jenkins  
County Judge

Dr. Theresa Daniel  
Commissioner, District 1

Mike Cantrell  
Commissioner, District 2

John Wiley Price  
Commissioner, District 3

Dr. Elba Garcia  
Commissioner, District 4