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**ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY NAMED CHIEF OF THE
FAMILY VIOLENCE UNIT**

El Paso County Attorney José R. Rodriguez informed today that Assistant County Attorney Gabriella Edwards-Holguin has been appointed Chief of the Family Violence Unit. Edwards holds the position left vacant recently by Jesús Rodríguez, who was appointed Associate Judge of the new family court.

Gabriella Edwards-Holguin has been practicing law since 1998, and has worked with the El Paso County Attorney's Office since May 2002. For several years now, she has been the attorney for the Elder Protection Unit, representing APS before the County Probate Court, and engaging in advocacy and outreach for improved services and protection of the elderly and disabled.

As Chief of the Family Violence Unit, Ms. Edwards will be in charge of handling the issuance of all protective orders for victims of domestic violence, as well of monitoring all litigations relating to such cases. In addition to her new responsibilities, Gabriella will continue her operational activity with the Elder Protection Unit.

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