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**JO ANNE BERNAL ELECTED BOARD MEMBER OF THE TEXAS
DISTRICT AND COUNTY ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION**

El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association (TDCAA) for the 2011 calendar year.

The results of the election, which took place on September 2010 in South Padre Island, were just announced by the TDCAA Journal on their November-December issue.

The mission of TDCAA is “to promote the improvement of prosecution and government representation in the State of Texas, by providing educational and technical assistance to prosecutors and their staffs, by providing educational and technical assistance to the law enforcement community, and by serving as a legislative resource in criminal law and government representation matters.”

As member of the Board of Directors, El Paso County Attorney will be responsible for budget oversight of the organization, and long term planning and execution of the plan.

Commenting on her appointment El Paso County Attorney Jo Anne Bernal said “It is important to have El Pasoans on state-wide boards and committees to ensure local concerns are heard on a statewide level.”

“I hope my participation on the board will address concerns about local prosecutorial issues, such as how to effectively prosecute juveniles who smuggle drugs across the border,” Bernal concluded.

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