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**Texas Ethics Commission Announces  
New Officers and New Executive Director**

AUSTIN—The Texas Ethics Commission (Commission) is pleased to announce that it unanimously voted to elect Chad M. Craycraft as its Chair and Mary K. “Katie” Kennedy as its Vice-Chair in a public meeting held in Austin, Texas on June 28, 2019.

Chair Craycraft of Dallas is a fifth-generation Texan who grew up in Georgetown, Texas. A graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law, he has held various roles in political campaigns and state government and is now active in developing and managing education technology ventures throughout the United States. He currently lives in Dallas with his wife, Krystle. He was appointed to the Commission by Governor Greg Abbott on October 6, 2016.

Vice-Chair Kennedy of Houston owns and operates the Upper Kirby Mediation Center in Houston. She has mediated or arbitrated thousands of disputes involving all areas of civil law and has served for over fifteen years as an Assigned Judge in the courts of the State of Texas. After law school, she joined the law firm of Bracewell LLP and practiced commercial litigation until she was elected to the 164th Judicial District Court in Harris County and then reelected for a subsequent term. She served as a Commissioner of the Texas Access to Justice Commission from 2007-2013. She received her Bachelor’s Degree Summa Cum Laude from Rhodes College and her law degree from Vanderbilt University School of Law. She was appointed to the Commission by Governor Greg Abbott on October 6, 2016.

The Commission is also pleased to announce that the Commission unanimously voted to appoint Anne Peters as its new Executive Director, beginning on July 22, 2019. Ms. Peters served the Texas Legislative Council for over 18 years, where she currently serves as Senior Counsel and specializes in the areas of ethics, campaign finance, election law, and financial regulation. She graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law, where she was a member of the prestigious Chancellors and Order of the Coif honorary societies and associate editor of the *Texas Law Review*, and graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in political science from Texas A&M University.

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