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James Rea Appointed Tulsa County District 2 Chief Deputy

James Rea has been appointed Chief Deputy for Tulsa County District 2 Commissioner Karen Keith. Rea replaces Keri Fothergill who recently returned to the City of Tulsa as their chief administrative officer.

Rea has supported Tulsa County with legal services since March 2019 as an Assistant District Attorney in the Civil Division. He represents and advises Tulsa County in legal matters such as real estate and commercial transactions, employment issues, and litigation. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from Southern Methodist University, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Dallas, a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Central Oklahoma, and a Bachelor of Arts from Miami University.

“I am thrilled to have James as my next Deputy Commissioner,” said Commissioner Keith. “His law experience will be vital not just for District 2 but the entire county. Mr. Rea is a trusted voice among my colleagues and his input will be highly regarded and valued.”

Rea is retired from the United States Naval Reserve as a Commander. As a Naval Flight Officer he logged more than 2,500 flight hours in P-3 Orion aircraft. Before returning to his hometown of Tulsa, Rea practiced law in Dallas. His primary practice areas included Bankruptcy and commercial litigation. Jim is licensed to practice law in Texas and Oklahoma and admitted to practice in all State and U.S. District Courts in Oklahoma and Texas, and the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Rea is a member of the Tulsa County and Oklahoma Bar Associations and the Johnson-Sontag Chapter of the American Inns of Court. He was designated a “Super Lawyer” from 2017 – 2019 and “Rising Star” in 2010 and 2011 by *Texas Monthly* magazine. James is a graduate of the Oklahoma Bar Association and Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Leadership academies. His military awards include the Strike/Flight Air Medal (2 awards), Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal (3 awards), Navy Achievement Medal and numerous unit and campaign awards.

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