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Justice Waldrop Leaving Third Court of Appeals

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Third Court of Appeals Justice Alan Waldrop (pictured) has tendered his resignation to the Governor, effective September 10. <u>Austin Legal</u> covers the story <u>here</u>.

Governor Perry appointed Justice Waldrop to the Court in August 2005, and he was elected to a six-year term in 2006. His early departure allows the Governor to appoint a replacement to fill his unexpired term. The replacement must run in 2012, but will benefit from incumbency and on-the-job experience.

The Court will have two new justices (out of six) within the next few months. In addition to Justice Waldrop's replacement, voters will decide in November whether <u>Kurt Kuhn</u> or <u>Melissa Goodwin</u> will fill the seat Justice Jan Patterson is vacating.

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