



Travis County Medical Examiner

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Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe announces selection of new Chief Medical Examiner

Today, Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe announced the selection of J. Keith Pinckard, M.D., Ph.D., as the new Travis County Chief Medical Examiner. Dr. Pinckard will assume his duties March 1, 2015.

Travis County chose Dr. Pinckard after a nation-wide search, following the Aug. 18, 2014, resignation of Former Chief Medical Examiner David Dolinak, M.D. As Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Pinckard will report directly to the Travis County Commissioners Court. Dr. Pinckard's annual salary will be \$270,000.

Dr. Pinckard, 46, is currently the Deputy Chief of the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator, a statewide medical examiner system. He received his M.D. and Ph.D. from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis in 1998. A board-certified forensic pathologist, Dr. Pinckard worked for 10 years as a medical examiner at the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas. In addition, he has held many academic appointments through the years.

Dr. Pinckard is the author of numerous scholarly articles and has been active in and held leadership roles in national medical and forensic societies, including the National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME), the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), and the College of American Pathologists (CAP). He is the editor-in-chief of the scholarly journal, *Academic Forensic Pathology: The Official Publication of the National Association of Medical Examiners*.

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