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Second lawyer to help Price co-defendant Fain



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Indicted Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price's top aide, Dapheny Fain, is getting with large amounts of evidence in the public corruption case involving the pair.

Marlo P. Cadeddu was appointed to the case Wednesday by U.S. Magistrate Judge Renée F. Tom Mills, who filed a motion last month requesting that she be added to the Fain defense.

Mills, who has served as Fain's attorney since before the indictments, said Wednesday that she brings her skills to the defense team.

"Marlo will be an equal as co-counsel, but she has expertise that I don't have with analyzing discovery," Mills said.

Cadeddu has previously been appointed to serve as a "coordinating discovery attorney" in a similar role, she "assists defense counsel in the effective use of technology and litigation support in a large number of defendants, voluminous discovery or complicated electronic discovery is

She was appointed to represent former Dallas Mayor Pro Tem Don Hill when he was charged on the eve of his 2009 public corruption trial.

Fain is charged with conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and making a false government's public corruption case against her boss and two Price associates, Kathy Neindick. The indictment was unsealed July 25. All four defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges. Most prosecutors have about 6.5 terabytes of digital information to turn over to the defense in the form of audios, videos, photographs, tax documents or "materials too bulky to scan," the motion said.

"The government estimates that after processing and culling, 2.5 terabytes of actual data will be turned over to the defense," Mills said in the motion.

That is roughly the equivalent of 150 million pages of material, Mills said in the motion.

"The government has had numerous years in which to investigate and organize its case. It has attracted substantial media attention," the motion said.

Staff writer Jennifer Emily contributed to this report.