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Robert J. Barfield was born and raised in Pasadena, Texas. He is a graduate from Harvard College (1991) and the University of Houston Law Center (1993). He currently maintains a criminal defense practice focusing on Class C misdemeanors. Mr. Barfield is a Municipal Judge in the City of El Lago. He also serves as a Prosecutor for the Texas City Municipal Court.

JAIME BREW

Jaime Brew is the Municipal Court Administrator for the Sugar Land Municipal Court. She has worked in municipal courts for over six years. Prior to working for the Sugar Land Municipal Court, Mrs. Brew was employed by the Killeen Municipal Court of Record. During her tenure at the City of Killeen she held the positions of Clerk of the Court and the Compliance/Collections Manager. Jaime has a very diverse work history. She has previously worked in the areas of mortgage lending, finance, and banking.

Mrs. Brew received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. She also received her Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas. Jaime participated in the Texas Court Clerks Certification Program and became a Certified Municipal Court Clerk (CMCC) in 2013. Mrs. Brew is a member of the Texas Court Clerks Association (TCCA) and serves as a Director at Large on the TCCA Board of Directors. She also serves as the Certification Program Financial Manager. Jaime participates in several TCCA State committees such as the Bylaws, Certification and Education, Membership, Public Relations, Publications, and Website.

ROBBY CHAPMAN

Robby Chapman is Director of Clerk Education and Program Attorney for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. In this role, he plans, develops, and manages nine Regional Clerks Seminars, two 32 hour New Clerks Seminars, and the annual Court Administrator’s Conference. Mr. Chapman has been on the faculty for TMCEC since 2013 and has presented to municipal judges, prosecutors, and clerks throughout the state.

Mr. Chapman previously served as an Assistant District Attorney for Nueces County, Assistant City Attorney for the City of Cedar Park, and a criminal defense attorney. While a prosecutor, Mr. Chapman received the Merit Certification in Municipal Court Prosecution from the Texas City Attorneys Association. He has handled criminal cases ranging from class c misdemeanors to felonies.

Mr. Chapman has a Doctor of Jurisprudence from St. Mary’s University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in History from The University of Texas at Austin.

JULIE ESCALANTE

Julie K. Escalante is the Presiding Judge for the City of Baytown. Prior to being appointed as the full time judge, she was the prosecuting attorney for the City of Baytown. She has had an active career in both the non-profit and public sectors of the law. Judge Escalante is currently serving as a board member on the Texas Municipal Courts Association representing Region IX, where she serves on both the education and nominating committees. She is an active board member for the Baytown Kiwanis Club and actively participates in her local Domestic Violence Task Force.

Judge Escalante was born in San Antonio, Texas and grew up in the Houston area. She attended Texas Tech University where she received her B.A. degree. In 1990, she received her Law degree from Southwestern University in Los Angeles, California. She currently resides in the Clear Lake area, with her three children.

FRED GARCIA

Frederick P. Garcia, Jr. is currently the municipal court clerk for San Antonio. Mr. Garcia graduated from St. Mary’s University with a degree in business administration and from Texas Tech University with his juris doctorate.
Mr. Garcia has previously worked as a municipal court prosecutor, and bank auditor, as he has also served as an attorney in a private practice that concentrated on criminal defense and family law.

DAVID GARZA

Judge David L. Garza is the Presiding Municipal Court Judge for the City of Bee Cave, Texas. He was first appointed to that position in 2010.

Prior to his current position with the City of Bee Cave, Judge Garza served as a City of Austin Municipal Court Judge from 1987 to 1992 and then again from 2003 to 2009. Judge Garza has also served the State of Texas as an Administrative Law Judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) from 1992 to 1993. He has also served as an Assistant District Attorney for Travis County and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas, where he was Chief of the Foreign Prosecution Unit under then Attorney General, John Cornyn.

Judge Garza received his BA in Psychology from the University of Houston in 1975. He received his JD from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1978 and his MBA from the University of Texas at Austin in 1991.

Judge Garza is a member of the State Bar of Texas, Texas-Mexico Bar Association, and the Association of Attorney Mediators.

He is a native Texan, having been born and reared in Corpus Christi, Texas and has been a resident of Austin, Texas since 1980.

MARK GOODNER

Mark Goodner serves as the Presiding Judge for the City of Woodcreek and is the Deputy Counsel and Director of Judicial Education for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. Prior to joining the Center, he worked in civil litigation in Austin. Mr. Goodner graduated from the University of Texas School of Law with a juris doctorate and certification in the Graduate Portfolio Program in Dispute Resolution in May of 2007. While in law school, he worked in the mediation clinic, was a finalist in the Thad T. Hutcheson Moot Court Competition, and served on the executive board of Assault & Flattery.

LEAH HUFF

Ms. Huff began her 15-year career with the Fort Worth/Dallas based, municipal law firm of Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla and Elam, L.L.P. as a paralegal, and promoted to Law Office Administrator. In 2006, she joined the City of Southlake as the Municipal Court Administrator for five years, with major accomplishments including the development of a high-level technological court process with her team through implementation of paper-light, audio/visual court recording, online/kiosk payments and warrant interface with remote dispatch center, while building a quality team through the World Famous Seattle FISH! Program. Tyler Technologies offered her the opportunity to assist other courts through implementation of the paper-light and legal court processes across nine states, and soon afterwards a precious granddaughter was born (The Princess).

Ms. Huff achieved her Texas Court Clerk's Certification, Level I certification in 2007, Level II certification in 2008 and began her Level III certification (CMCC) assessment clinic in 2009. Currently, she is pursuing completion of her Certified Court Manager’s certificate with the National Center for State Courts Institute for Court Management. Additionally, she graduated from Strategic Government Resources Fourth Dimension Leadership Model Academy in 2009 and from nationwide trainer Coach Rick Kolster's Leadership Academy in 2007, as well as numerous paralegal and law office administrative certification and CLE courses.

During her career, Ms. Huff has been active in the Texas Court Clerk's Association, North Texas Court Clerk's Association, and the Texas Municipal Courts Association serving in a variety of positions ranging from Director at Large to Conference Committee Chair & Committee Member, as well as on the Education Committee. Ms. Huff has been an instructor for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center since 2007 and has continued to serve as faculty for the Court Clerk's School, New Judges and Clerks Boot Camp, and Court Administrators. Additionally,
she has been active as an instructor for a variety of leadership and management courses across the United States, sharing her passion for court and the law, and has been an active trainer for software and imaging instruction with Tyler Technologies and Laserfiche. Ms. Huff is an approved instructor for the Clerk Certification Program for continuing education hours provided by the TCCA chapters and regularly facilitates training opportunities across the State of Texas to share court and technology knowledge, as well as build court "share communities" to encourage court clerks to support each other in the municipal court profession.

Soon after the Princess was born, Ms. Huff joined the Business Development Team at Municipal Services Bureau d/b/a Gila, L.L.C., fulfilling her passion for court and the law by training on court procedures, technological processes and facilitating court collection and cash handling best practices with Municipal Court clients, cities, counties, and state agencies across 38 states.

LYNDA KILGORE

Lynda Kilgore is Court Administrator for the La Porte Municipal Court. She retired as Court Administrator for the City of Baytown after 23 years and has been Court Administrator with the La Porte Municipal Court for almost four years.

Ms. Kilgore has served as President of the Gulf Coast Chapter and Vice President of TCCA. She has served as a member of the Education Committee for TCCA, has received the TMCA Clerk of the Year Award, the TCCA Clerk of the Year Award and the Award of Excellence from TCCA. Recently, as a member of the Salary Survey Committee, she received the Board of Directors award. She is a member of TCCA, TMCA, and NACM. Active in her community, she has served as a member of the Executive Board for Baytown Resource and Assistance Center, United Way Allocations Committee, Partners in Youth of the Baytown YMCA, Federation of Houston Professional Women, National Business Honor Society Alpha Beta Gamma, and is a Life Member of Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She was recently honored as the 2008 Manager of the Year for the City of La Porte. She has one son and two granddaughters. An avid Elvis fan, one of her granddaughters is named Presley.

HOWARD LAFLEUR

Howard LaFleur has served as the Administration Manager for the City of Houston since 2011, prior to that he was the Administrative Supervisor for six years. Mr. LaFleur has 16 years of experience with municipal courts. He is Level I Certified and is pursuing Level II Certification. Mr. LaFleur is a huge Dallas Cowboys fan.

C. VICTOR LANDER

C. Victor Lander was born in Georgia and attended elementary school in New York City, elementary school in Lynchburg, Virginia, and Intermediate and High School in Fairfax County (Alexandria), Virginia. After graduating in 1971 from Groveton High School in Alexandria, Virginia, he was awarded a four-year full tuition academic scholarship to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Honors in 1975. He then attended the University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas, where he received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1978, and was licensed to practice law by the State of Texas in 1979. He continued his legal education by being certified as a Family Law Mediator in 2008.

He took a position in 1978 with the United States Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC, where he served as an attorney for eight years, and then started a private law practice with his father in Dallas, Texas in 1986. The law firm of Lander and Associates, P. C. handled employment discrimination and labor law cases, as well as many other matters, for over 10 years.

In late 1991, Judge Lander was appointed by the Dallas City Council as an Associate (part-time) Judge of the Municipal Court of the City of Dallas, sitting as Judge in the absence of the full time Judges, and was reappointed by the City Council as Associate Judge twice, in 1992 and 1994. In May 1996 Judge Lander was appointed to his first 2-year term as a full time Judge with the City of Dallas Municipal Court, and was reappointed by the Dallas City Council as Presiding Judge of Court Number 7 five times. In August 2008, Judge Lander was appointed Administrative Judge of the City of Dallas Municipal Courts, the Chief Judge of the City of Dallas’ Municipal Court system, as well as Presiding Judge of Dallas Municipal Court Number 9, and served in that capacity for 4 years. In August 2012, Judge Lander was reappointed as a full time Municipal Judge, Judge of Municipal Court Number 5,
was reappointed in May 2014, and was assigned to the position of Judge of Municipal Court No. 6 in September 2014, the position he now holds.

Judge Lander’s responsibilities over the course of his tenure in the Dallas Municipal Court have included presiding over jury and non-jury criminal trials in traffic, criminal Class C misdemeanor, and criminal ordinance violation cases; criminal Junk Motor Vehicle cases; civil housing demolition cases; civil 8-liner gambling machine cases; civil magistrate hearings in pawn shop cases; civil appeals from parking adjudication cases, bus stop-arm camera cases, and red light camera violations; duties as a Magistrate of the 5 counties into which the City of Dallas extends; arraignment (as Magistrate) of juveniles charged with serious felony crimes in any of those 5 counties; duties as Magistrate Judge for Defendants under arrest and in jail on City of Dallas warrants; and the issuance (as Magistrate) of arrest and search warrants for law enforcement personnel from those 5 counties and over 30 Texas cities for every possible criminal activity, felony and misdemeanor, up to and including Capital Murder. As Administrative Judge for 4 years, his responsibilities included developing policies and procedures for the day-to-day operation of the Municipal Courts in the City of Dallas; handling 12 Municipal Judges and 18 Associate Municipal Judges; supervising the Court’s staff, including Bailiffs and other Court personnel; and the responsibility of managing the Judiciary’s budget of some $3,500,000.00 annually.

Judge Lander is a long time member of the faculty of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center; a member of the faculty of the National Judicial College of Reno, Nevada; a former Adjunct Professor at both Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Texas and ITT Technical Institute in Arlington, Texas; a member of the J. L. Turner Legal Association; a member of the Dallas Bar Association; and a member or former member of many other legal organizations. He has received several awards over the years, including the Dallas Police Department’s Certificate of Merit in September of 1999 (the highest award given to a civilian by the Dallas Police Department), the 2000 Outstanding Jurist Award from the J. L. Turner Legal Association, the 2003 Judge of the Year Award from the Texas Municipal Courts Association, the 2006 Outstanding Judge Award from the Municipal Judges Section of the State Bar of Texas, and the 2008 Man of Valor Award from the Texas Coalition of Black Democrats, among other honors. Judge Lander is a 13 year member of the Friendship-West Baptist Church, where he serves on the Safety Ministry and other Ministries, and he proudly makes his home in the South Oak Cliff section of Dallas, Texas.

SUSAN MCGILBERRY

Susan McGilberry began her career with the City of Huntsville over 31 years ago, on Valentines Day, 1984. She started out at the Police Department in the Records Division, then moved to Property/Evidence, then back to Records for a total of 15 years. From there, she went to City Hall and worked in the Finance Department for about four years. There, she developed a good base of accounting knowledge and the workings of the city's general ledger. From there, she transferred to Utility Billing as Sr. Customer Service clerk, supervising 3 clerks, where she stayed for about three and a half years. In June of 2007, she transferred to the municipal court where she remains. She is quick to say that court is the hardest job she has ever taken on; “There is just so much that you have to learn, to know, and it is ever changing.” Susan holds a Level II certification. She is a life-long Walker county resident, still living on the property that she grew up on.

MARIAN MOSELEY

Judge Moseley has been the presiding judge for Coppell since 1990. Judge Moseley was a chief felony prosecutor with the Dallas County District Attorney. She practiced civil and criminal law attorney in Midland and family law in Dallas. Judge Moseley received her degree in 1974 and her J.D. in 1976, from the University of Texas.

Judge Moseley grew up near Wichita Falls, Texas. She has been married for 31 years to Jim Moseley. Her husband and daughter are attorneys practicing in Dallas. Her son, Jim P., has a financial planning practice in Dallas.

TAMMY ODOM

Tammy Odom is the Court Administrator for the City of Texas City. Tammy has been working in the municipal courts since 2000. She is currently a member of the Texas Municipal Courts Association, Immediate Past President of the Texas Court Clerks Association and Past-President of the TCCA - Gulf Coast Chapter. She has been the recipient of the Texas Court Clerks Association’s Distinguished Service Award (2005), Extraordinary Achievement
Award (2006) and the Excellence Award (2007). She was also named Clerk of the Year in 2007 by the TCCA – Gulf Coast Chapter. In 2002, Ms. Odom earned her Certified Court Clerk Level II.

BILL RAGSDALE

William (Bill) Ragsdale is the Presiding Judge for the City of Ingram and has been a Justice of the Peace for Kerr County for 24 years. He has taught for the Justice of the Peace Training Center for three years and is enjoying his third year teaching for the Texas Municipal Court Education Center. Judge Ragsdale began court work as a Court Clerk and was the City Marshal for the City of Ingram. He earned a Peace Officer Master License with 15 years of experience and has an Instructor License for TCOLE.

MICHELLE RICHTER, PH. D.

Dr. Michelle Richter currently serves as an Associate Professor of Criminology at St. Edward’s University in Austin. She has taught at St. Edwards since 2006, where she was been recognized with the 2012 Undergraduate Faculty Advisor Award and the School of Behavioral & Social Sciences Faculty Research Award. Dr. Richter has also received Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Community Service Recognition. Prior to her work at St. Edwards, Dr. Richter taught in the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University where she received her Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice in 2010 and her Master of Forensic Science in 2007. Dr. Richter also completed graduate and undergraduate studies at Eastern Kentucky University, Lake Superior State University, and McMaster University.

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