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Mr. 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.

CARRIE CHAVEZ

Ms. Chavez is an attorney in private practice in Dallas, specializing in Juvenile Delinquency and Child Welfare cases. Ms. Chavez attended the University of Texas at Austin, receiving a B.A. in Government in 1990. She received her J.D. in 1993 and was licensed to practice law that same year. Her areas of practice have included criminal prosecution, criminal defense, and family law. In addition to having her own law practice, she previously worked for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and the Collin County District Attorney's Office. Ms. Chavez served as a Municipal Court Judge for the City of Dallas from 2004 to 2012.

KEVIN COTTON

Mr. Cotton is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and training director for the Texas Alive Team. He has spent much his career focused on issues related to juvenile justice and has brought that wealth of experience to the Texas Alive Team. He has been a Travis County Sheriff's deputy for the last ten years. Six of those years, Kevin has acted as a school resource officer serving in Austin area high schools. Prior to his career with the Sheriff's office, Kevin served as a juvenile probation officer in Travis County.

JAMESON CRAIN

Mr. Crain is the Multimedia Specialist for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. Jameson graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Arizona State University in 2008. Before TMCEC, he gained work experience in video production, photography, graphic design, and web development. In his spare time he enjoys designing and screen printing shirts and posters, mountain biking, and playing the drums.

TERRY LEA ELIZONDO

Judge Elizondo has served as an Associate Judge, City of Southside Place since 2000. She is a Seattle, Washington native with a B.A. & M.A. from Seattle University. Prior to law school Judge Elizondo taught Physical Science and English in Houston, Texas and Colon, Republic of Panama. Judge Elizondo graduated from South Texas College of Law in 1977 and worked as Corporate Counsel for two large corporations until 1984. She has been in private practice over 25 years with an emphasis on law relating to children. Judge Elizondo was president of the Association of Women Attorneys-Houston and is an experienced presenter at State Bar of Texas and Houston Bar Association programs.

MARK GOODNER

Mr. Goodner serves as the Presiding Judge for the City of Woodcreek and is the Program Attorney and Deputy Counsel 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.

MELISSA GOODWIN

Justice Goodwin is a Justice on the 3rd Court of Appeals. Former Criminal District Court Judge for the 427th District Court, Travis County and the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3, Travis County.

Justice Goodwin has over 8 years appellate experience as an attorney for the Court of Criminal Appeals. Former partner and attorney at the law firm of Potts & Reilly, LLP. She also served the State of Texas as a Commissioner for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education, the Professional Ethics Committee, and the Judicial Ethics Committee.

JOSEPH GORFIDA

Mr. Gorfida is a partner with the law firm of Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager and Smith in Dallas. He is the city attorney for numerous cities including the City of Desoto, City of Lucas, and Hutchins.

Joe Gorfida has also served as an Associate Judge for the city of Plano and also started his legal career in Plano as an assistant City Attorney.

RYAN S. HENRY

Ryan Henry graduated with honors from New Mexico State University with dual bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice and Psychology in 1995. He attended law school at Texas Tech School of Law and graduated in May of 1998. While attending law school, Ryan began clerking for the Lubbock City Attorney's Office and began prosecuting in municipal court. As a result, he began working with municipalities and their municipal courts, even before he graduated from law school. So began his career supporting local governments. Upon graduation, Ryan began working in Brownsville, Texas, defending governmental entities in the area. In June of 2002, Ryan moved to San Antonio and continued working with municipalities with a San Antonio law firm at which he eventually became a partner in 2011. In 2012, Ryan started the Law Offices of Ryan PLLC taking representation of local governments to the next level by integrating technology into the efficient and cost saving art of practice.

KAMERON JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson is the Juvenile Public Defender for Travis County, Austin, Texas. Kameron Johnson received his law degree from The University of Texas School of Law and is licensed to practice in both

federal and state courts. He is board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in both Criminal Law and Juvenile Law. He is also a former adjunct professor at The University of Texas School of Law where he has taught juvenile law and trial and appellate advocacy.

ANN LANDEROS

From January 2010 through August 2012, Ann Landeros was the Domestic Violence Resource Attorney for the Office of Court Administration (OCA). A graduate of Rice University and the University of Houston Law Center, Ann has been licensed as an attorney since 1984. She has worked as a briefing attorney for the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, an assistant Travis County Attorney, an assistant general counsel for the State Bar of Texas, a state administrative law judge, and an appellate attorney for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. After joining OCA, Ann compiled the first Texas Family Violence Benchbook and developed OCA's Remote Interpreter Project, which provides licensed court interpreters at no cost in civil cases involving intimate partner violence. She is now retired and attending graduate school at Texas State University.

GLENN O. LEWIS

Mr. Lewis is currently a partner in the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Prior to joining the firm, he practiced law with his brother, Judge Terry Lewis, in the Fort Worth firm of Lewis and Lewis.

In addition to his duties at Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, Mr. Lewis serves as the Presiding Municipal Judge in the Tarrant County City of Forest Hill, Texas.

Mr. Lewis concluded 10 years of Service in the Texas House of Representatives when the 79th Session of the Texas Legislature commenced on January 11, 2005.

After graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Fort Worth, he enrolled at Prairie View A&M University. Prior to graduation, he returned home to Fort Worth where he completed his undergraduate work. He earned an A.A. degree from Tarrant County College and a B.A. from Texas Wesleyan University. He went on to earn a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from The University of Texas School of Law in Austin, Texas.

He was recently appointed to the Texas State Advisory Committee to the United States Commission

on Civil Rights. In 2010, he was chosen by the Fort Worth Business Press as one of 12 “Power Attorneys” in Tarrant County. He is also Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of United Way of Tarrant County.

HOPE LOCHRIDGE

Ms. Lochridge has served as the Executive Director of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center since 1991. Prior to that she was the Director of the Public Service/Law-Related Education Department of the State Bar of Texas and the Executive Director of Law Focused Education, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to educating young people about the law. She earned a B.A. in Government from Beloit College in Wisconsin and a Masters in Human Resource Development from the University of Texas at Austin. A native Texan, she has a 26 year old daughter, Molly (who is currently a law student at the University of Texas at Austin), and enjoys outdoor recreation and travel.

LINDSEY MENA

Ms. Mena attended Texas State University- San Marcos, where she studied Applied Sociology with an emphasis in Deviance and Social Control. She graduated in May 2010 and began working as a Juvenile Case Coordinator for the City of San Marcos in July 2010. She is beginning the 3rd straight year with the outreach program throughout the city and has enjoyed watching it expand each year. She has been married for 2 years and they just recently had their first child, a little boy, this past summer.

SHARON PRUITT

Ms. Pruitt is a staff attorney with Juvenile Crime Intervention (JCI) of the Texas Office of the Attorney General. Mrs. Pruitt addresses legal questions from law enforcement and school officials, updates juvenile-related agency publications, and conducts legal training programs. She has presented juvenile and education-related legal topics at statewide and regional conferences for law enforcement, educators and administrators, and probation officials. She previously served as Chair of the State Bar of Texas Juvenile Law Section Council.

Before joining the Office of the Attorney General, Mrs. Pruitt was a juvenile prosecutor for the Gregg County District Attorney’s Office. She has also prosecuted in Smith County and in Harris County. In 2001, Mrs. Pruitt became Board Certified in Juvenile Law and co-authored Juveniles published by TDCAA.

KATIE TEFFT

Ms. Tefft is the Program Director for the TMCEC. Prior to joining the Center, she worked as Project Attorney on the 7th edition of Dawson’s Texas Juvenile Law under contract with the former Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (TJPC) and as a Drafting Attorney in the Attorney General’s Open Records Division. Ms. Tefft received her Bachelor’s degree with honors in Sociology and Economics from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and her Juris Doctorate with honors in May of 2007 from Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Georgia. She also received a certificate in Legal Writing and Research from Mercer. While in law school, Ms. Tefft clerked in the Narcotics Division of the Bibb County District Attorney’s Office.

RYAN KELLUS TURNER

Mr. Turner is General Counsel and Director of Education for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. Prior to joining the Center, he served as Briefing Attorney for Judge Sharon Keller at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Mr. Turner obtained his juris doctorate from Southern Methodist University School of Law. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology with highest honors from St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas, where he now teaches as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences. In 2004 he received the School’s Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award.

Mr. Turner is currently Deputy City Attorney for the City of Dripping Springs and previously served as a Special Assistant County Attorney for Kendall County.

A native Texan, Mr. Turner was raised in the north Texas town of Vernon. He is the co-author of the books *Lone Star Justice: A Comprehensive Overview of the Texas Criminal Justice System* and *The Municipal Judges Book*.

He is currently an advisory committee member on the Texas Judicial Council’s Juvenile Justice Committee which is charged with assessing the impact of school discipline and school-based policing on referrals to the municipal, justice, and juvenile courts and identifying judicial policies or initiatives that work to reduce referrals without having a negative impact on school safety; limit recidivism; and preserve judicial resources.

CAMERON VANN

Cameron Vann has been licensed as an attorney since 1982. After graduating from the University of Texas with a Bachelor of Science and from the University of Houston with a Master of Education, she pursued a teaching and administrative career in Spring Branch Independent School District.

Cameron then earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston and joined a mid-size civil litigation firm. In 1985 she opened her private practice in Houston, focusing on probate and elder law until her retirement in 2003. While practicing in Houston Cameron served on several boards and received awards for her work from Baylor College of Medicine, Alzheimer Association, Mental Health Association, Association of Women Attorneys, and Rotary.

After deciding that she had too much energy to retire permanently, Cameron moved to Austin to work at Advocacy, Inc. representing clients with mental health disabilities. While at Advocacy, she served on the Mental Health Community Committee and the Jail Diversion Committee. She is a past board member of the Travis County Women Lawyers Association.

Joining the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP) staff at the State Bar of Texas in July 2008, Cameron works with lawyers, judges and law students who experience depression and alcohol or drug dependency, to connect with resources for recovery. If there is someone in the legal community struggling with these issues, make a confidential referral to TLAP at 512-427-1453 to get help.

Cameron and her husband Charlie own Barrington Bed and Breakfast in Washington-on-the-Brazos, Texas, and have a son in Austin and daughter in Washington, D.C.

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