

### **ELAINE BROWN**

Elaine Brown is the Municipal Court Clerk/Administrator for the City of Katy, a position she has held since 2000. Ms. Brown achieved her Level I Certification in 2002, her Level II in 2003, and in 2005, she became the 20th clerk to achieve her Certified Municipal Court Clerk status.

Elaine Brown was the Gulf Coast Chapter Secretary from 2001-2003. She held the position of Gulf Coast Chapter Treasurer from 2004-2007. In 2006 she was the Gulf Coast Chapter Clerk of the Year. She is currently the Gulf Coast Chapter V-President. Ms. Brown is a Committee Member on the Nominations Committee and the Budget Committee

Elaine Brown has been on the TCCA Board of Directors since 2002. She has held the position of TCCA Certification Program Financial Manager since 2007. Ms. Brown was the Committee Chair for the TCCA Nomination Committee in 2002-2006 and again in 2008-2009. She has held the Committee Chair for the TCCA Vendor/Sponsor Committee in 2006, 2008, and 2009. Ms. Brown has been the TMCEC Level I & Level II Facilitator since 2004.

This year Elaine's peers awarded her with the 2009 Excellence Award at TCCA Annual Conference in Abilene for her selfless and outstanding contributions to her profession and her colleagues.

# **ROSIE CABALLERO**

Rosie Caballero is the Municipal Court Clerk/Administrator for the City of Coppell. She has also worked for the cities of Keller and Watauga.

### **BRIAN S. HOLMAN**

Brian Holman is the Presiding Judge for the City of Lewisville as well as the prosecutor for the City of Northlake and the City of Justin. Prior to taking the bench full-time, he had a solo law practice for 10 years in Denton, Texas, with an emphasis in family law and criminal defense. Judge Holman is currently serving as President-Elect for the Texas Municipal Courts Association (TMCA) and has been on the faculty of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center since 2001..

Judge Holman was born and raised in San Diego, California and attended Brigham Young University where he received a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He later went on to receive his law degree from the University of Arkansas. While living in Spain, Judge Holman developed a fluency in the Spanish language which he continues to use as judge. He currently resides in Denton with his wife and two daughters.

## SUE KENNEDY

Sue Kennedy has been the Court Administrator for the City of Corinth for the past 3 years and has worked in the municipal courts for over 10 years. Prior to joining the courts, she was a Police/Fire/EMS 911 Dispatcher for ten years. Ms. Kennedy has attained her Level II certification and is currently working on Level III.

Currently, she serves on the North Texas Chapter of the Texas Court Clerks Association as Vice-President. For the past five years, she has instructed the Level I and Level II Prep Courses.

# SANDRA L. MABBETT

Sandra Mabbett is the Judicial Information Analyst for the Office of Court Administration's Research and Court Services Division. Judicial Information staff are responsible for collecting, analyzing, and publishing court activity statistics and other judicial data. She has served in this position since 2004.

Prior to her employment with OCA, she was employed by the federal government for 25 years.

Ms. Mabbett is a native of upstate New York who moved to Austin in 1978.

## DONALD McKINLEY

Don McKinley is an Assistant Collection Specialist in the Research and Court Services Division in the Office of Court Administration. Prior to his OCA position, Don supervised court collections and front cashier staff for the City of Austin Municipal Court. Don also worked as a supervisor for the City of Fort Worth Municipal Court in Court Operations. He has an undergraduate degree in Finance and Economics. He is a Board Member of GCAT (Governmental Collectors Association of Texas), and a founding member of the Saginaw Valley State University Economic Society. A native of Saginaw, Michigan, Mr. enjoys collections. McKinlev court management, and the Detroit Red Wings.

## CATHY RIEDEL

Cathy Riedel is the Program Director for the Clerks' Program at TMCEC. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Political Science and obtained her law degree from St. Mary's University. After graduating from law school, she worked for the Court of Criminal Appeals as a briefing attorney and research assistant. Her legal practice has focused primarily on municipal law issues for the last 20 years. She has worked as City Attorney or assistant city attorney for the cities of Topeka, Georgetown, and Round Rock and served as municipal judge for the City of Liberty Hill for several years. Ms. Riedel taught trial advocacy and supervised third year law students in the Legal Clinic at Washburn University Law School. When she is not sitting in traffic on MoPac, she enjoys gardening and spoiling her two mustangs, four children, dogs, cats, and husband.

## PAT RIFFEL

Pat Riffel, CMCC, is the Court Administrator for the City of Pearland. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and is a Licensed Social Worker. She joined the court clerk profession in December 2002. She is a Level III, Certified Municipal Court Clerk. She has also achieved status as a Certified Court Manager through the Institute of Court Management. She has served as faculty for TMCEC for six years.

Ms. Riffel is a member of the TCCA Education Committee and chair of the scholarship committee. She is a member of the Gulf Coast Chapter of TCCA where she serves as publication chair and editor of the chapter newsletter.

Officer Mike Sanchez is currently employed with the City of Vidor Police Department. He is the Warrant / Bailiff for the Vidor Municipal Court for the past five years. He has more than 16 years of experience as a Texas Peace officer. He has held the ranks of Corporal and Sergeant and has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Crime Prevention Officer and Inspector, Hostage Negotiator, Public Information Officer, Vidor Police Explorer Advisor, Vidor High School Criminal Justice Skills Advisor, Field Training Officer. Interstate Criminal Enforcement and Narcotics Investigator, and past member of the Orange County Area Law Enforcement SWAT team.

In addition to being the Warrant Officer,

Officer Sanchez is assigned to Street Crimes with the Vidor Police Department. Officer Sanchez and Partner are mainly assigned to Criminal Enforcement on Interstate 10. However, they also pursue street level drug dealers in the City of Vidor. In addition, his most cherished honor is the achievement of EAGLE Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

## RYAN KELLUS TURNER

Ryan Kellus 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 coauthor of the book *Lone Star Justice: A Comprehensive Overview of the Texas Criminal Justice System.* 

# **TED WOOD**

Mr. Wood is employed as Assistant General Counsel for the Office of Court Administration (OCA). Prior to joining OCA, Mr. Wood served as Randall County Judge from 1995 to 2002. He has taught state and federal government classes at Amarillo College and has worked as a briefing attorney for the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo. Mr. Wood is a 1991 graduate of Baylor Law School where he was a Notes and Comments Editor on the Baylor Law Review. He earned an undergraduate degree in Business from the University of Wisconsin.