



CHARLES BAXTER

Charles Baxter has over thirty years of experience, including service as a Police Officer and Municipal Court Judge. He has a unique perspective of the security needs of the Texas Courts. He is a licensed Physical Security Consultant in Texas and certified as a Physical Security Professional (PSP) through the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS). Mr. Baxter has designed, implemented, and managed successful security solutions for global and local companies.

MARK GOODNER

Mark 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.

DAVID HAMILTON

Mr. Hamilton has been licensed to practice law in Texas for over thirty years, spending the majority of that time as an attorney in private practice. In the last ten years, one of his clients has been the City of Reno, Lamar County. Hamilton worked as a law enforcement officer during undergraduate school at Texas Tech University and later during law school at Texas Tech. He holds the Advanced Law Enforcement License, as well as the Instructor's Certification from the Texas Commission on Law

Enforcement Standards and Education. He is a member of the National Order of Barristers and Hamilton has participated in every type of criminal case, from traffic tickets to capital murder. Following law school, Hamilton served as a briefing attorney for the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, then began his legal career which has included five years as a felony prosecutor.

Born in Lubbock, Hamilton's published articles including "Multiple Personality Disorder: Competency and the Insanity Defense" and "Expert Witness Testimony."

LANDRA HUDSON

Landra Hudson has been formally recognized in her community for establishing a good working relationship with county law enforcement officials, developing formal magistrate procedures for City cases and implementing new policies and procedures within the Seguin Municipal Court. Landra is a Level II Municipal Court Clerk and Vice-President of the Freedom Trail Chapter of the Texas Court Clerks Association.

Landra has been employed with the City of Seguin since September 2008 and currently holds the position of Municipal Court Administrator.

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.

LISA MAYO

Lisa Mayo is a Client Services Coordinator with the Law Firm McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen, P.C. She is currently a Level II, which she achieved while working for the City of Roanoke as the Court Administrator. She also served on the TCCA Board as a Director at Large and served on the TCCA education committee. In February 2010, Ms. Mayo is one of 30 Texas Municipal Court Clerks who achieved "Certified Court Manager" which is the first level of certification provided by the Institute for Court Management, National Center for State Courts. She remains a facilitator for the TMCEC and TCCA due to her passion and love for the court profession and the many friends she has made over the years.

MELISSA PACE

Melissa Pace has spent the last ten years as the Court Administrator for the City of Haltom City. Ms. Pace was the Valedictorian at Floydada High School. She graduated Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Texas in Arlington with her Bachelors in Business Administration. She is a member of the North Texas Court Clerks Association. Ms. Pace is currently serving on the Education Committee as well as teaching for the North Texas Court Clerks Association. Ms. Pace served on the Audit Committee for the Texas Court Clerks Association this year. She is Level II certified, and working towards her Level III certification. Ms. Pace was born and raised in the Texas panhandle.

ROBIN A. RAMSAY

Robin Ramsay is currently a licensed attorney and the Presiding Municipal Judge for the City of Denton. Judge Ramsay received his undergraduate degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and his law degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Ramsay served as Students' Attorney for the University of North Texas and as an Adjunct Professor of Business Law. After leaving the University of North Texas and prior to his current appointment, Judge Ramsay practiced law with the Hammerle Law Firm with offices in Lewisville and Denton.

Judge Ramsay has received his accreditation for the American Academy of Attorney Mediators and currently acts as a Mediator for both pre-litigation and litigated matters by assignment of court and at the request of the parties or their attorneys. Judge Ramsay also serves as alternate Mental Health Magistrate for Denton County at the assignment of the Denton County Probate Court.

Judge Ramsay is a past-president of the Texas Municipal Courts Association and currently serves as the 2nd Vice President.

ERIC RANSLEBEN

Eric G. Ransleben is an Associate Municipal Judge for the Town of Trophy Club and the Town of Westlake. He is also the City Prosecutor for the City of North Richland Hills. Judge Ransleben has been in private practice since 1996, and specializes in criminal and juvenile defense, and education law. He has been representing school age children in the public school system for over 10 years, with particular interest in special education law.

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.

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 co-author 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.