



## **KELLY CROW**

Kelly Crow is the Presiding Judge for the City of Fulshear and the Deputy City Attorney (Prosecutor) for the City of Sugarland. Ms. Crow has been with the City of Sugarland since 2005 and has held her current position since 2007.

Judge Crow received her Bachelor's in Political Science from Texas A&M in 1994 and her Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in 1997. Judge Crow is a part of the Fort Bend County Bar Association, Texas Municipal Court Association and Board of Directors – Literacy Council of Fort Bend County.

She has two boys ages 11 and eight years old, Cullen and Garrett. Her house is like a WWF wrestling match.

## **FREDERICK P. GARCIA JR.**

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 later 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 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."

## **LISA HOWARD**

Lisa Howard has been in the municipal court for over 11 years. She has an Associates degree in Political Science/Paralegal and has attained her Texas Court Clerks Certification. She is currently serving the City of Hurst in areas such as Customer Service Advisory Team, Leadership Council and Deferred Compensation Committee. Lisa also serves on the Texas Court Clerks Association Board of Directors as Director at Large, and member of the education

committee. Additionally, she serves on the North Texas Court Clerks Chapter as Vice President, member of the education committee, and chair of the historian committee. Lisa also serves the Texas Court Clerk's Association as a prep-session facilitator for the Texas Court Clerks Certification Program. She also enjoys helping others in leadership development and is an active mentor for the Certification program.

### **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.

### **HOPE LOCHRIDGE**

Hope 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.

### **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.

## **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.

## **MIKE SANCHEZ**

Officer Mike Sanchez is currently employed with the City of Vidor Police Department assigned to the Warrant Division and Street Crimes. He has more than 16 years of experience as a Texas peace officer. Officer Sanchez has worked with many agencies over the years including the Gatesville Police Department, Crawford Marshal's Office, and the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Officer Sanchez has had training in and held the positions of Patrol Officer, Hostage Negotiator for the Orange County Area Law Enforcement SWAT team, Public Information Officer, Crime Prevention Officer, Warrant Officer, Field Training Officer, and Narcotics Investigator. He has completed numerous narcotics and criminal interdiction training seminars, including but not limited to, the DEA Undercover School, Street Crimes, and Desert Snow Criminal Interdiction School.

In addition to being the Warrant Officer, Officer Sanchez is assigned to Street Crimes with the Vidor Police Department. Officer Sanchez and partner are assigned to Interstate Criminal Enforcement on Interstate 10.

Officer Sanchez also volunteers his time in training the Vidor Police Explorers and Vidor High School Criminal Justice Students for competitions.

In addition to his extensive law enforcement training, his most prized honor is the achievement of EAGLE Scout with the Boy Scouts of America.

## **KATIE TEFFT**

Katie Tefft is the Program Attorney for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. Prior to joining the Center, she worked as Project Attorney on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Mrs. 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, Mrs. Tefft clerked in the Narcotics Division of the Bibb County District Attorney's Office.

## **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*.

## **CONSTANCE R. WHITE**

Constance R. White is the Director of Court Services at the City of Burelson. Previously she was a Court Administrator in McKinney, Court Supervisor in Plano, Case Manager at CASA of Collin County and Legal Secretary at the Collin County District Attorney Office. Ms. White is a member of the TCCA; North Texas Chapter.

## **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.