



## **CARRIE CHAVEZ**

Carrie 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 Juris Doctorate 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.

## **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 GARDNER**

Terry Gardner graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law and was a member of the Phi Delta Phi Honorary Legal Fraternity. Mr. Gardner began his legal career as a briefing attorney with the Supreme Court of Texas and has been in private practice in Fort Worth for over 45 years. Mr. Gardner is board certified in civil trial law and personal injury trial law, and he has been recognized in numerous periodicals as being among the "Best Lawyers in

America," a "Super Lawyer," a "Distinguished Lawyer," a "Top Lawyer," and a "Pre-eminent Lawyer." Mr. Gardner received The Blackstone Award given by the Tarrant County Bar Association in 2007, and he has held numerous leadership positions with both the Tarrant County Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas Committees.

Mr. Gardner is Board Certified in Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law and currently volunteers with West Texas Legal Services. Additionally, Mr. Gardner is involved with the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society, the Supreme Court of Texas Historical Society, the Board of Directors for the University of Texas Law School Alumni Association, the Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association, the American Board of Trial Advocates, the Texas Trial Lawyers' Association, the Texas Bar Foundation, and is a Charter Member of the Tarrant County Bar Foundation.

## **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.

## **JOSEPH GORFIDA, JR.**

Joseph Gorfida, Jr. 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. Mr. Gorfida, Jr. 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.

## **DANA JACOBSON**

Dana D. Jacobson is the managing partner of The Jacobson Law Firm, P.C. in San Antonio, Texas, a general practice firm concentrating in the areas of estate planning and probate, health law, small business formation and counsel, municipal law and security clearance issues. Mr. Jacobson received his Bachelor of Science degree in Radio-Television-Film from the University of Texas at Austin and his Juris Doctorate from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio.

Mr. Jacobson spent six years on active duty as a United States Air Force judge advocate, and is a Colonel in the USAF Reserves. He is presently serving as the Senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee to the Commander, Air Force Legal Operations Agency, Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility, MD. He serves on the Reserve Executive Council, the senior policy and management entity for the USAF Judge Advocate General's Corps Reserve.

Besides his civil practice, Mr. Jacobson is the Presiding Judge of the Fair Oaks Ranch Municipal Court and spent seven years as the City Prosecutor for the City of Boerne. He is a Fellow of the College of the State Bar and a regular author and speaker on a number of topics, including Estate Planning and Advance Directives.

Mr. Jacobson's honors and awards include 10<sup>th</sup> Air Force Judge Advocate of the Year and 2000 Harmon Award nominee for Reserve Judge Advocate of the Year, the 2004 Jim Bowmer Professionalism Award from the College of the State Bar of Texas, and a Third Place finish in the Christian Artists International Songwriting Competition.

Mr. Jacobson is married to the former Betsy Clark of San Antonio and they have two daughters: Rachel is a recent Graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio with a degree in Anthropology, and Mara is a freshman Elementary Education major at the University of North Texas. In his spare time, Dana performs regularly around the San Antonio area with a band called On The Side and tries to stay ahead of the honey-do list.

## **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.

### **RENEE KOOG**

Renee Koog is a 10 year veteran of law enforcement and began her career with the Phoenix Police Department in Phoenix, Arizona in April 2002. During her career there, she was assigned to Patrol Operations in the Cactus Park and Desert Horizon Precincts. While on patrol, she assisted the Vice Units with prostitution stings and the Neighborhood Enforcement Teams (NET) with Community Policing concepts-CPTED and Crime Free Multi-Housing. She was a certified AZPOST Instructor, certified Detective, and instructed the Charlie Check First Child Safety Program.

Sergeant Koog began working for the Georgetown Police Department, in Georgetown, Texas in March 2007. She is currently assigned to the Professional Standards Division and Training Unit. She holds multiple certifications to include: Master Peace Officer, TCLEOSE Instructor, NASRO Advance School Resource Officer, and Attorney General's Gang Investigator. Sergeant Koog was recognized as an Honor Graduate at the Alive at 25 Instructor Program, graduated with honors from the Austin Police Department's Intermediate Leadership Academy, and was named Officer of the Year in 2010.

Sergeant Koog instructs on numerous topics to include: Gang Investigation, Alive at 25, School Safety, Traffic Safety, Career's in Law Enforcement, Nationwide Train the Trainer Alive at 25, and was requested to instruct at the APD Leadership Academy.

### **GLENN 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 79<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **KEVIN MADISON**

Judge Madison graduated from UT-Austin with a B.A. with Honors in Psychology. After college, Judge Madison attended the UT System Police Academy and graduated as the class *Valedictorian*. Judge Madison earned his law degree from the University of Houston, served as a deputy sheriff after law school, and was appointed as an Assistant District Attorney for Travis County. Later he served as the Chief of Police in Smithville. Judge Madison has over 25 years' experience as a municipal judge. Judge Madison was honored with the 2009 Outstanding Municipal Court Judge award from the Texas Municipal Courts Association and his court in Lakeway has been recognized for his traffic safety initiative programs by TMCEC in 2008, 2009, and 2012. Judge Madison is also a state-certified firefighter and EMT.

## **STELLA MATA**

Stella Mata came to the court with a strong background in financial banking. She began her career as a Municipal Court Clerk in 2009 with the City of Mansfield and currently holds the position of Juvenile Case Manager with the City of Forest Hill, where she has developed the program and a strong rapport with the educational community providing a variety of on campus classes. She has obtained her Level I certification in November of 2011, and is currently working on her Level II.

## **JAN BLACKLOCK MATTHEWS**

Jan Matthews is municipal judge for the city of Wilson (appointed 2011). She is an attorney and trained mediator in civil, criminal, and USDA matters. She served as a Municipal Court Judge for the City of Lubbock (elected 1994 and 1998, appointed 1998-2011). Judge Matthews has a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Sul Ross State University and her Juris Doctorate from Texas Tech University School of Law. Prior to becoming judge, she held the position of Assistant District Attorney and Misdemeanor Chief for the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office. Judge Matthews is the Region I director

for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center and the Texas Municipal Courts Association.

## **GLENN PHILLIPS**

Judge Phillips has served as the Presiding Municipal Judge of Kilgore, Texas since October 1, 1987. Judge Phillips holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting degree from the University of Texas at Tyler (1975) and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from South Texas College of Law (1978) and has been licensed to practice law in Texas since 1978. Judge Phillips is also licensed to practice before the United States Tax Court, the United States Claims Court, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and all federal courts in Texas. He is a partner in the Kilgore law firm of Phillips & Watson, LLP and is the owner of US Title Company in Kilgore. Judge Phillips was appointed by the Supreme Court to serve as member of the Judicial Compensation Committee (200-02) and has served as a member of the Texas Judicial Counsel since 2001. Judge Phillips has served as a Mentor Judge for the

Texas Judicial Conduct Commission and as a Director of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center from 1994 through 1999 and President in 1999-2000. He was as a faculty member at the Center from 1993 through 2001. Judge Phillips was the District Director of the Tonkawa District of the Boy Scouts of America from 1990 to 1994 and the Vice President Finance of the East Texas Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America in 1993, 1994 and 1995. Judge Phillips has represented judges before the Judicial Conduct Commission.

## **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.

## **ROBIN SMITH**

Judge Robin D. Smith is the Presiding Judge of the City of Midland Municipal Court. He has served in the position since November of 1984. Prior to that appointment, he practiced law as a prosecutor for the City of Midland from 1982 to 1983 and operated as a solo practitioner from 1983 to 1984.

Judge Smith's educational accomplishments include a bachelor's degree in economics and psychology from Oklahoma State University and a Juris Doctorate from Texas Tech University.

His professional association work includes serving as Chair of the State Bar of Texas Municipal Judges Section from 1989 - 90 and President of the Texas Municipal Courts Association twice, in 1991 - 92 and 2008 - 2009. He served on the TMCA board of directors from 1986 to 1997, from 2001 to 2005 and in 2007 to 2010. He has also served the American Bar Association including a term as the Chair of the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges. In 1997, Judge Smith was appointed by Chief Justice Tom Phillips to serve on the Texas Judicial Council where he served until 2001.

From 2002 – 2004, Judge Smith was selected as the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration Judicial Fellow. As Judicial Fellow, he provided input for the United States Department of Transportation on policy and publications. He was also frequently called upon to speak on traffic safety issues for the Administration.

Among honors, the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce recognized Judge Smith as one of the "Five Outstanding Young Texans" in 1994. The Texas Municipal Courts Association named Judge Smith "Judge of the Year" in June 1998. In 2001, He was presented the American Bar Association's National Conference of Specialized Court Judges' Education Award. The State Bar of Texas Municipal Judges Section presented Judge Smith with the Michael J. O'Neal Outstanding Jurist Gavel Award in 2002, and he is a four time winner of the City of Midland Management Award.

He is a frequent speaker for several groups including the National Judicial College and the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. In addition, he has spoken at judicial training seminars in several states. Judge Smith is considered to have expertise in the areas of search and seizure, constitutional criminal procedure, juvenile law and traffic law.

In addition to his activities and position at the Midland Municipal Court, he edits and publishes the Texas Municipal Court Justice Court News, which has more than 800 monthly subscribers.

## **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.