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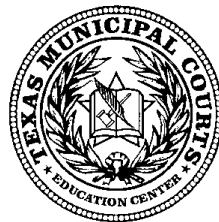
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ROBBY CHAPMAN

Robby Chapman is Program Director for the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. He has taught for the Center since 2013. Prior to joining the Center, Mr. Chapman served as an Assistant District Attorney for Nueces County and Assistant City Attorney - City Prosecutor for the City of Cedar Park. While a prosecutor, Mr. Chapman received the Merit Certification in Municipal Court Prosecution from the Texas City Attorneys Association. Mr. Chapman received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and he received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from St. Mary's University School of Law.

DAVID GARZA

David Garza is a graduate of the University of Houston, where he received a B.A. in Psychology in 1975. He attended Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., receiving his law degree in 1978. In 1991, he received an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin. He is also a Certified Mediator and Arbitrator.

Mr. Garza is a former prosecutor with the Travis County District Attorney's Office in Austin. He served for five years, first as a Prosecutor in the 147th District Court and later as Chief of the Public Integrity Unit of the D.A.'s office. Mr. Garza was later appointed to the Bench as a Judge for the Municipal Courts of Austin. He served for five years before taking a position as an Administrative Law Judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings in Austin. Prior to coming to work for the Attorney General of Texas as an Assistant Attorney General, Chief of the International Prosecutions Unit, Mr. Garza was in private practice in Austin engaged in general civil litigation as well as mediation and arbitration with the law firm of DeLeon & Boggins.

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.

RYAN 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.

REGAN METTEAUER

Regan Metteauer has been a Program Attorney at TMCEC since 2012. TMCEC is a contract training provider with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), for which she is currently the Training Coordinator. She holds a TCOLE Basic Instructor certification. Mrs. Metteauer received her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Sam Houston State University and her Juris Doctor from Baylor Law School. While at SHSU, she was a sports writer for The Houstonian and a media intern at the Shell Houston Open. Mrs. Metteauer married her college sweetheart, who is an Austin police officer. Their daughter, Savannah Primrose, was born May 24, 2013. Prior to law school, Ms. Metteauer worked as a manager at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, a substitute teacher for Hutto ISD, and a member of the Youth Ministry Leadership Team at Hutto Baptist Church. Mrs. Metteauer has strong ties to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where she was born, and Conroe, Texas, where she graduated from high school and where her family lives and runs a catering company, Darrel's Catering, named after her grandfather.

NED MINEVITZ

Ned Minevitz, a Massachusetts native, has served as TxDOT Grant Administrator and Program Attorney at the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center since November, 2013. Ned also serves as General Counsel for EverThin, LLC, a startup company based in Massachusetts. He received his B.A. from Connecticut College in New London, CT where he majored in East Asian Studies. Spending extensive time in China after college, Ned is proficient in Mandarin Chinese. In 2013, Ned earned his J.D. from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law in Tempe, AZ. In his free time, he enjoys tennis, golf, squash, and foreign film.

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Richard began his career in information security as a Communication and Information Officer in the United States Air Force. He received his B.B.A. in Management Information Systems from New Mexico State University and a M.A. in Computer Resource and Information Management from Webster University.

MARIAN MOSELEY

Judge Moseley has been the Presiding Judge for the City of Coppell since 1990. Judge Moseley was a prosecutor with the Travis County Attorney, Midland County Attorney, and a chief felony prosecutor with the Dallas County District Attorney. She practiced civil and criminal law attorney in Midland and family law with Raggio and Raggio in Dallas. Judge Moseley received her B.A. Degree, with Honors, in 1974 and her J.D. in 1976, both from the University of Texas.

Judge Moseley was born and raised on a farm in Burkburnett, Texas. She has been married for 31 years to Jim Moseley, an attorney practicing in Dallas. They have a daughter, Becky, an attorney and a son, Jimmy, who has a financial planning practice.

ERIK NIELSEN

Erik A. Nielsen is an attorney for the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. Erik earned his juris doctorate with honors from the University of Texas School of Law. He is a graduate of the University of

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Ms. Piechowiak is the Domestic Violence Resource Attorney for the Texas Office of Court Administration. She received her B.A. in Criminal Justice in 1989 and her J.D. from St. Mary's University School of Law in 1992. Before coming to the OCA, Kimberly prosecuted domestic violence cases for 20 years, first with the Bexar County District Attorney and then the San Antonio City Attorney's Office. While with the City, Kimberly implemented and supervised the family violence prosecution program at San Antonio Municipal Court. She is a TCLEOSE Certified Police Instructor who has been training law enforcement officers, attorneys, and judges for 15 years on the issue of domestic violence for many local, state, and national agencies, including the San Antonio Police Training Academy, the National District Attorneys Association, the State Bar of Texas Judicial Section, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, and the Texas Council on Family Violence.

LESTER RORICK

Lester Rorick has spent the last seven years as the presiding judge for the City of Pasadena. He has served as the assistant city attorney and the tax collection attorney for Pasadena, the city attorney for Pearland and Shore Acres.

Judge Lester received his Juris Doctorate in 1977 from the South Texas College of Law. He is currently a member of the board of directors for the Texas Municipal Court Association and the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. He is also on the board of directors of the Pasadena Livestock Show and Rodeo; and a member of the advisory board for the San Jacinto Day Foundation.

EDWARD SPILLANE

Edward Spillane is the Presiding Municipal Judge for College Station since May 2002. Prior to taking that position, he served as an Assistant District Attorney for Brazos County for eight years and as an associate for the law firm Fulbright and Jaworski for two years. Judge Spillane received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University and his law degree from the University of Chicago. He served as President of the Texas Municipal Courts Association.

Judge Spillane currently is the Region VII director on the TMCEC/TMCA board and represents Texas Municipal Courts on the Judicial Conduct Commission.

STEPHANIE STEVENS

Stephanie Stevens is a clinical professor of law at St. Mary's University School of Law, where she teaches Juvenile Law and Texas Criminal Procedure. Before St. Mary's, Ms. Stevens practiced criminal defense law with the Law Offices of Mark Stevens in San Antonio. She is board certified in criminal law and is an examiner for the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for Juvenile Law Certification. Ms. Stevens also serves as an adjunct professor at Trinity University and is pro bono counsel to death row inmates.

GARY TEELER

Gary Teeler started his career with Texas Parks and Wildlife in 1996, serving as a Game Warden, in Van Zandt County and Travis County. In 2002, Gary was promoted to Lieutenant and assumed the position of Cadet Class Coordinator at the Game Warden Training Academy. As Cadet Class Coordinator, he provided training to five cadet classes and presented numerous in-service trainings to field officers. In 2007, he was promoted to Assistant Chief and assumed the role of Division Inspector at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters Complex. During his career, he has served as an adjunct instructor for the Capitol Area Council of Governments, Texas Municipal Police Association, Texas Department of State Health Services and the Texas Municipal Court Education Center.

Mr. Teeler has received training in the following areas: Computer Based First Responder Training, Use of Technology in Intimate Partner Stalking, Investigating and Prosecuting Non-Stranger Sexual Assault, Criminal Personality Profiling – Sex Crimes, Violence & Homicide, Stalking Resource Center Instructor Training, and Digital Forensics (FBI). Gary received his TCOLE Instructor Certification in 2001 and his Master Peace Officer license in 2005. In 2012 he earned the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) credential, and in 2013 the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) credential. Assistant Chief Gary Teeler was the recipient of the 2010 SAFVIC Instructor of the Year Award.

In 1994, Gary graduated from Texas State University in San Marcos, TX with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Law Enforcement. In 2009, he received his LCC Designation in the 59th Class of the Leadership Command College at Sam Houston State University. In 2011 he received his Masters of Science in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management, from Sam Houston State University. In 2014, Gary graduated from the 256th Class of the FBI National Academy.

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 in 1999, 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 and 2013 he was the recipient of the School's Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award and a finalist for the University Adjunct Teaching Excellence Award in 2014.

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

In 2011, he was an advisory member on the Texas Judicial Council's Juvenile Justice Committee. In 2012, Mr. Turner was named Co-Chair of the Texas Judicial Council Legislative Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice.

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*.

STEPHEN VIGORITO

Judge Stephen Vigorito currently serves as an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Austin. Judge Vigorito received his B.A. in political science from Louisiana State University in 1990 and his Jurisprudence Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law in 1997. He practiced as a criminal

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TOMAS YUFIK, Ph.D.

Dr. Yufik is an assistant professor of psychology at St. Edward's University in Austin. He received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and M.A. in Psychology from the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York. He received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from the University of California at Berkeley, graduating Summa Cum Laude. Prior to his current position, Dr. Yufik was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System, a psychology intern with the Central Texas Veterans Healthcare System, and a research assistant at various institutes and universities.

In 2013, Dr. Yufik received the Summer Technology Institute Development Award. He received St. Edward's University Professional Development Award in 2012. In 2008, he received the University at Buffalo Excellence in Teaching Award. These are but a few of the numerous awards and recognitions received professionally and during his degree work.

Dr. Yufik's publications include *A Meta-Analytic Investigation of the Structure of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms*, published in the *Journal of Abnormal Psychology* in 2010, and *Incremental validity of positive and negative valence in predicting personality disorder*, published in *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research and Treatment* in 2010. In addition, he has two manuscripts in progress: *Psychopathy in a Student Veteran Sample* and *Development of a Couple-Based Treatment for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Returning Veterans*.

Dr. Yufik has presented on the topic of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) since 2005.

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