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Mr. Bradshaw serves as a Municipal Judge for the City of Fort Worth, Texas. He was appointed as a Pro Tem Municipal Judge for the City of Fort Worth in 2004 and held that position for 2 years, before being appointed as a full time judge in 2006.

Mr. Bradshaw graduated with honors from Texas Christian University in 1985 and then Baylor Law School in 1991. He worked in private practice in Fort Worth starting in 1991 through 2006, first with Watson, Caraway Law Firm and later as a Sole Practitioner.

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**DAVID GARZA**

Judge David L. Garza is the Presiding Municipal Court Judge for the City of Bee Cave, Texas. He was first appointed to that position in 2010.

Prior to his current position with the City of Bee Cave, Judge Garza served as a City of Austin Municipal Court

Judge from 1987 to 1992 and then again from 2003 to 2009. Judge Garza has also served the State of Texas as an Administrative Law Judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) from 1992 to 1993. He has also served as an Assistant District Attorney for Travis County and as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas, where he was Chief of the Foreign Prosecution Unit under then Attorney General, John Cornyn.

Judge Garza received his B.A. in Psychology from the University of Houston in 1975. He received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. in 1978 and his MBA from The University of Texas at Austin in 1991.

Judge Garza is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas-Mexico Bar Association and Association of Attorney Mediators.

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### **MELISSA GOODWIN**

Justice Goodwin is a Justice on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeals. Former Criminal District Court Judge for the 427<sup>th</sup> District Court, Travis County and the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3, Travis County.

Justice Goodwin has over 8 years appellate experience as an attorney for the Court of Criminal Appeals. Former partner and attorney at the law firm of Potts & Reilly, LLP. She also served the State of Texas as a Commissioner for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Office Standards and Education, the Professional Ethics Committee, and the Judicial Ethics Committee.

### **URSULA HALL**

Ms. Hall comes from a long line of socially, civically and politically involved citizens. She was inspired by her parents along with her grandfather, J.E. "Jimmy" Middleton, legendary advocate for union workers. She also gives credit for her success and her desire to improve her community to her grandmothers, Quintanna Hall Alliniece and Winnie Middleton.

Ms. Hall graduated from a local public magnet school for the academically gifted and talented, Wellesley College, and South Texas College of Law. She was a student champion in the trial-related activities of debate, moot court and mock trial (at both the University of Texas School of Law and South Texas College of Law).

Ms. Hall has served as a Judge for more than seven years. She is a (thrice) reappointed Associated Municipal Judge with the City of Houston. She has practiced law, as a sole practitioner, for the last sixteen years. She is also licensed to practice before the United States Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

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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

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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.

### **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.

#### **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 then 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. He has served as Lakeway's Presiding Judge since 1997. Judge Madison received the 2009 Outstanding Municipal Court Judge award from the Texas Municipal Courts Association and has been recognized for his traffic safety initiative programs by TMCEC in 2008 and 2009. Judge Madison proudly serves his community as a state-certified

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#### **LINDSEY MENA**

Ms. Mena attended Texas State University- San Marcos, where she studied Applied Sociology with an emphasis in Deviance and Social Control. She graduated in May 2010 and began working as a Juvenile Case Coordinator for the City of San Marcos in July 2010. She is beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year with the outreach program throughout the city and has enjoyed watching it expand each year. She has been married for 2 years and they just recently had their first child, a little boy, this past summer.

#### **KIM A.F. PIECHOWIAK**

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After deciding that she had too much energy to retire permanently, Cameron moved to Austin to work at Advocacy, Inc. representing clients with mental health disabilities. While at Advocacy, she served on the Mental Health Community Committee and the Jail Diversion Committee. She is a past board member of the Travis County Women Lawyers Association.

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