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ANDREW BRADSHAW

Andrew 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.

Born and raised in Waco, he is married with two sons.

BREE BUCHANAN

Bree Buchanan, J.D., a 1985 graduate of Southwestern University and a 1989 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, practiced law in the public and private sector with a focus on representing both adult and child victims of family violence. Upon graduation, Ms. Buchanan served as a family law attorney for Legal Aid of Central Texas and went on to have a law and mediation practice in Austin. In 2002, Ms. Buchanan was appointed Clinical Professor and Co-Director of the Children's Rights Clinic at The University of Texas School of Law.

In 2010, Ms. Buchanan joined the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program of the State Bar of Texas. TLAP provides crisis counseling and referrals to lawyers, law students and judges who are experiencing substance abuse and/or mental health concerns, as well as outreach and

education on these issues. Ms. Buchanan is the liaison with the nine law schools of Texas and speaks to students about behavioral health and wellness. Ms. Buchanan is a graduate student at the Seminary of the Southwest and is pursuing a Masters in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care.

JAMESON CRAIN

Jameson 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 LEA ELIZONDO

Judge Elizondo has served as an Associate Judge, City of Southside Place since 2000. She is a Seattle, Washington native with a B.A. & M.A. from Seattle University. Prior to law school Judge Elizondo taught Physical Science and English in Houston, Texas and Colon, Republic of Panama. Judge Elizondo graduated from South Texas College of Law in 1977 and worked as Corporate Counsel for two large corporations until 1984. She has been in private practice over 25 years with an emphasis on law relating to children. Judge Elizondo was president of the Association of Women Attorneys-Houston and is an experienced presenter at State Bar of Texas and Houston Bar Association programs.

DAVID L. 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.

He is a native Texan, having been born and reared in Corpus Christi, Texas and has been a resident of Austin, Texas since 1980.

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.

MELISSA GOODWIN

Justice Goodwin is a Justice on the 3rd Court of Appeals. Former Criminal District Court Judge for the 427th 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.

RYAN S. HENRY

Ryan S. Henry graduated with honors from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a second bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1995. He attended law school and graduated in May of 1998. While attending law school, Ryan began clerking for the Lubbock City Attorney's Office in Lubbock, Texas. As a result, he began defending governmental entities even before he graduated from law school. Upon graduation, Ryan began working in Brownsville, Texas, defending governmental entities in the area. Ryan is admitted to practice law in the State of Texas, as well as the Southern, Western, and Northern United State District Courts of Texas and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. He specializes in litigation defense. In June of 2001, Ryan and his wife moved to San Antonio and Ryan joined the law firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal. He continues his work defending local governmental entities today.

KAMERON JOHNSON

Kameron D. 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.

ANN LANDEROS

From January 2010 through August 2012, Ann Landeros was the Domestic Violence Resource Attorney for the Office of Court Administration (OCA). A graduate of Rice University and the University of Houston Law Center, Ann has been licensed as an attorney since 1984. She has worked as a briefing attorney for the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, an assistant Travis County Attorney, an assistant general counsel for the State Bar of Texas, a state administrative law judge, and an appellate attorney for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. After joining OCA, Ann compiled the first Texas Family Violence Benchbook and developed OCA's Remote Interpreter Project, which provides licensed court interpreters at no cost in civil cases involving intimate partner violence. She is now retired and attending graduate school at Texas State University.

GLENN O. 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 79th 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

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.

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 report with the educational community providing a variety of on campus classes. She has obtained her Level 1 certification in November of 2011, and is currently working on her Level II certification.

GLENN D. 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

Sharon 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 D. 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 1993 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 is the current President of the Texas Municipal Courts Association as well as in 1991 -92. He served on the TMCA board of directors from 1986 – 1997 and again from 2001 to the present. In August 1997, he completed a term as the Chair of the American Bar Association's 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 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, and juvenile 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

Katie 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.

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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.