



CHARLES BAXTER

Charles Baxter has over thirty years of experience, including service as a Police Officer and Municipal Court Judge. He has a unique perspective of the security needs of the Texas Courts. He is a licensed Physical Security Consultant in Texas and certified as a Physical Security Professional (PSP) through the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS). Mr. Baxter has designed, implemented, and managed successful security solutions for global and local companies.

MICHAEL DREWRY

Michael Drewry currently presides as the Presiding Judge for the City of Frisco. Previously he served as the Assistant Municipal Judge for the City of Carrollton from 1996 to 2007. From 1997 to 2009, Judge Drewry was the Assistant Municipal Judge at the City of Farmers Branch. He worked in private practice from 1981 to 1996.

Judge Drewry obtained his Bachelor's in Business Administration from the Southern Methodist University in 1978 and his Juris Doctorate from the St. Mary's University in 1981. He is the former president of the Dallas Municipal/Justice Bar Association.

BONNIE LEE GOLDSTEIN

In 1990, Bonnie Goldstein began her legal career and over the course of her 16 years has practiced in the areas of state and local government law, government contracts and

construction litigation, among others. In 2003, she opened her law office practicing predominantly in the areas of state and local government law. She routinely represents and advises local governments including contracts, procurement, construction, employment, code enforcement, land use, planning and zoning issues, variances, and municipal court. She is currently the City Attorney for the City of Princeton and City of Pecan Hill.

Judge Goldstein received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Hood College, Frederick Maryland in 1984, and her law degree in 1990 from George Washington University, the National Law Center, in Washington, D.C. She has authored and presented papers to various groups, including the Texas Municipal League, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and Police Training Academy and the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center. Judge Goldstein is fluent in Spanish and was named Legal Counselor to the Mexican Consulate in Houston on March 20, 1998. In February of 2003 she was appointed the Presiding Judge for the City of Cockrell Hill; August 2004, she was appointed as an Associate Judge for the City of Dallas, reappointed in 2006; and recently appointed the Presiding Judge in Royse City.

MARK GOODNER

Mark Goodner 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.

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.

LEAH HUFF

Leah Huff has 14 years of municipal law and legal administration experience, in addition to the years of office administration and accounting in the corporate world beginning in 1984. Her legal experience began with one of the top municipal law firms in the State of Texas: Taylor, Olson, Adkins, Sralla & Elam, L.L.P. (Fort Worth law firm specializing in Municipal, Corporate and Appellate law) where she treasured her tenor as a Legal Assistant and Law Office Administrator beginning in November 1995. With great joy she accepted the position of

Municipal Court Supervisor for the City of Southlake, Texas in December 2006.

She strives to become a Court Administrator of quality and her accomplishments to date in the field of Municipal Court include the following: Southlake Leadership Academy

PAMELA H. LISTON

Pamela H. Liston, born in Lubbock, Texas, is a partner in The Liston Law Firm, P.C. Her practice consists primarily of representation of clients in the areas of public and criminal law. She was recently appointed associate judge for the city of Rowlett.

Judge Liston is noted for her work in municipal court prosecution and appellate practice and has extensive experience and training in that area. She has been a featured author twice published in the "Municipal Court Recorder," and has served as faculty of the Texas Municipal Court Education Center Prosecutor's School. She is also a past Course Director for TMCEC.

Judge Liston is a member of the Criminal Justice Act Panel which provides legal services to indigent criminal defendants in the federal system. Ms. Liston has served in this capacity since 1998 and enjoys her work in this area immensely. She has recently completed an appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and has filed a petition for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court in that case.

Judge Liston received her B.A. degree in English in 1989 and her J.D. degree in 1994 both from Texas Tech University. During law school, she was a member of the Texas Tech University School of Law Marshall Moot Court National Team. She was admitted to the bar of Texas in 1994 and is licensed to practice before all state courts, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, the United States Court of Appeals

for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Judge Liston has two published municipal court cases of *Ex Parte Rinkevich*, No. 05-06-01506-CR (Tex. App. – Dallas 2007) and *State v. Morales*, 05-09-00159-CR (Tex. App. – Dallas).

She is the wife of her law partner, Paul J. Liston, and is the mother of four wonderful children.

SANDRA MABBETT

Sandra Mabbett is the Judicial Information Specialist 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 as an examination supervisor.

Ms. Mabbett is a native of upstate New York and 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.

STEWART W. MILNER

Stewart Milner is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington and the Oklahoma City University School of Law. He began his employment with the City of Arlington in 1992 as an Assistant City Attorney and became Chief Prosecutor for the City of Arlington in 1994. From 1997 to the present, he has served as the Chief Judge for the City of Arlington Municipal Court.

Judge Milner has taught classes for the North Texas Council of Governments, City of Arlington Police Academy, Texas Court Clerks Association, the Building Professional Institute, The National Judicial College and the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center.

He is a current board member and past president of the Texas Municipal Courts Association.

MELISSA PACE

Melissa Pace has spent the last ten years as the Court Administrator for the City of Haltom City. Ms. Pace was the Valedictorian at Floydada High School. She graduated Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Texas in Arlington with her Bachelors in Business Administration. She is a member of the North Texas Court Clerks Association. Ms. Pace is currently serving on the Education Committee as well as teaching for the North Texas Court Clerks Association. Ms. Pace served on the Audit Committee for the Texas Court Clerks Association this year. She is Level II certified, and working towards her Level III certification. Ms. Pace was born and raised in the Texas panhandle.

ROBIN A. RAMSAY

Robin Ramsay is currently a licensed attorney and the Presiding Municipal Judge for the City of Denton. Judge Ramsay received his undergraduate degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and his law degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Ramsay served as Students' Attorney for the University of North Texas and as an Adjunct Professor of Business Law. After leaving the University of North Texas and prior to his current appointment, Judge Ramsay practiced law with the Hammerle Law Firm with offices in Lewisville and Denton.

Judge Ramsay has received his accreditation for the American Academy of Attorney Mediators and currently acts as a Mediator for both pre-litigation and litigated matters by assignment of court and at the request of the parties or their attorneys. Judge Ramsay also serves as alternate Mental Health Magistrate for Denton County at the assignment of the Denton County Probate Court.

Judge Ramsay is a past-president of the Texas Municipal Courts Association and currently serves as the 2nd Vice President.

ERIC RANSLEBEN

Eric G. Ransleben is an Associate Municipal Judge for the Town of Trophy Club and the Town of Westlake. He is also the City Prosecutor for the City of North Richland Hills. Judge Ransleben has been in private practice since 1996, and specializes in criminal and juvenile defense, and education law. He has been representing school age children in the public school system for over 10 years, with particular interest in special education law.

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.

REBECCA STARK

Rebecca Stark has worked in city government since 1978 and has been teaching various classes for TMCEC for several years. She was the city manager of a medium sized city and then of a small city in the Metroplex area. She left city management to become the court clerk for a large city, Fort Worth, and is now the court clerk for the Austin Municipal Court.

Ms. Stark has experienced court operations in various sized cities and is here to share her experiences while teaching this seminar today.

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 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. 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*.