



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.

KELLY CROW

Kelly Crow is the Presiding Judge for the City of Fulshear and the Deputy City Attorney (Prosecutor) for the City of Sugarland. Ms. Crow has been with the City of Sugarland since 2005 and has held her current position since 2007.

Judge Crow received her Bachelor's in Political Science from Texas A&M in 1994 and her Juris Doctorate from South Texas College of Law in 1997. Judge Crow is a part of the Fort Bend County Bar Association, Texas Municipal Court Association and Board of Directors – Literacy Council of Fort Bend County.

She has two boys ages 11 and eight years old, Cullen and Garrett. Her house is like a WWF wrestling match.

PETER GRAHAM

Judge Peter Graham has been an associate judge in Irving since December 2004. After graduating from University of Dallas in Irving with a BA in Politics, he joined the Marine Corps where he served as a tank commander before being stationed at the

Marine Recruiting Station in Dallas. He is a graduate of Southern Methodist University School of Law and is in private practice in Arlington. He is a member of the Marine Corps League, Marine Corps Tankers Association, and is active in the Marine Corps Toys-for-Tots program. Recreation interests include civil war re-enactments and anything else that does not involve being on a telephone.

DAVID HAMILTON

Mr. Hamilton has been licensed to practice law in Texas for over thirty years, spending the majority of that time as an attorney in private practice. In the last ten years, one of his clients has been the City of Reno, Lamar County. Hamilton worked as a law enforcement officer during undergraduate school at Texas Tech University and later during law school at Texas Tech. He holds the Advanced Law Enforcement License, as well as the Instructor's Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education. He is a member of the National Order of Barristers and Hamilton has participated in every type of criminal case, from traffic tickets to capital murder. Following law school, Hamilton served as a briefing attorney for the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin, then began his legal career which has included five years as a felony prosecutor.

Born in Lubbock, Hamilton's published articles including "Multiple Personality Disorder: Competency and the Insanity Defense" and "Expert Witness Testimony."

GILBERT HERNANDEZ

Gilbert Hernandez has been with the City of Fort Worth for 14 years. He has been the Deputy Clerk for the past three years. Prior to working with the City of Fort Worth, Mr. Hernandez was a training manager for Payless Shoes.

Mr. Hernandez received his Bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix in 2006 and his Masters in Management from Texas Wesleyan University. He is a member of the Hispanic Leadership Organization in Fort Worth and is a Licensed Court Interpreter in English/Spanish.

BRIAN S. HOLMAN

Brian Holman is the Presiding Judge for the City of Lewisville as well as the prosecutor for the City of Northlake and the City of Justin. Prior to taking the bench full-time, he had a solo law practice for 10 years in Denton, Texas, with an emphasis in family law and criminal defense. Judge Holman is currently serving as President-Elect for the Texas Municipal Courts Association (TMCA) and has been on the faculty of the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center since 2001..

Judge Holman was born and raised in San Diego, California and attended Brigham Young University where he received a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He later went on to receive his law degree from the University of Arkansas. While living in Spain, Judge Holman developed a fluency in the Spanish language which he continues to use as judge. He currently resides in Denton with his wife and two daughters.

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 pre-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, Srala & 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

SUE KENNEDY

Sue Kennedy has been the Court Administrator for the City of Corinth for the past 3 years and has worked in the municipal courts for over 10 years. Prior to joining the

courts, she was a Police/Fire/EMS 911 Dispatcher for ten years. Ms. Kennedy has attained her Level II certification and is currently working on Level III.

Currently, she serves on the North Texas Chapter of the Texas Court Clerks Association as Vice-President. For the past five years, she has instructed the Level I and Level II Prep Courses.

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.

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.

TED WOOD

Mr. Wood is employed as Assistant General Counsel for the Office of Court Administration (OCA). Prior to joining OCA, Mr. Wood served as Randall County Judge from 1995 to 2002. He has taught state and federal government classes at Amarillo College and has worked as a briefing attorney for the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo. Mr. Wood is a 1991 graduate of Baylor Law School where he was a Notes and Comments Editor on the Baylor Law Review. He earned an undergraduate degree in Business from the University of Wisconsin.