

HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT AND CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS OF TARRANT COUNTY

17th DISTRICT COURT

- **First established in 1856** to serve Williamson, Burnet, La Salle, Llano, San Saba, McCulloch, Brown and Lampasas Counties. In 1884 it was moved to Tarrant and Parker Counties; in 1891 to Tarrant County only.
- JUDGE R. E. BECKHAM - December 1884 thru 1892
- JUDGE W.D. HARRIS - 1893 thru 1900 (Did not run for re-election)
- JUDGE MIKE E. SMITH - 1901 thru 1908 (Did not run for re-election)
- JUDGE JAMES W. SWAYNE - 1909 thru 1916 (Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE R.E. L. ROY - 1917 thru April 1928 (Died in office)
- JUDGE FRANK P. CULVER JR. - May 12, 1928 thru 1950 (Except for military leave 1940-41) (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals; then to Texas Supreme Court)
- JUDGE GEORGE M. CONNER - 1940-41 (While Frank P. Culver Jr. on military leave)
- JUDGE JACK M. LANGDON - 1951 thru 1962 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE CHAS J. MURRAY - January 1, 1963 thru December 31, 1988 (Retired)
- JUDGE FRED W. DAVIS - January 1, 1989 thru December 31, 2008 (Retired)
- JUDGE MELODY WILKINSON - January 1, 2009 thru

48th DISTRICT COURT

- **Established February 6, 1891**
- JUDGE N.A. STEDMAN - 1891 thru 1893
- JUDGE S.P. GREENE - 1893 thru 1896
- JUDGE IRBY DUNKLIN - 1897 thru 1908 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE RAYMOND H. BUCK SR. - 1909 thru November 3, 1914 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE ROBERT BRUCE YOUNG - November 4, 1914 thru March 5, 1947 (Died in office)
- JUDGE ROBERT BRUCE YOUNG JR. - March 17, 1947 thru August 31, 1963 (Retired)
- JUDGE WALTER E. JORDAN - September 1, 1963 thru August 31, 1981 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE WILLIAM L. HUGHES JR. - November 20, 1981 thru December 31, 1991 (Retired)
- JUDGE JOHN G. STREET - April 25, 1992 thru December 31, 1992 (Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE DIXON W. HOLMAN - January 1, 1993 thru September 1, 1995 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE BOB McCOY - October 4, 1995 thru December 14, 2003 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE DAVID L. EVANS - December 23, 2003 thru (Appointed)

67th DISTRICT COURT

- **Established 1907**

- JUDGE W.T. SIMMONS - June 1907 thru 1912 (Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE MARVIN H. BROWN - 1913 thru 1916 (Did not run for re-election)
- JUDGE BEN M. TERRELL - 1917 thru 1924 (Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE JAMES E. MERCER - 1925 thru 1932 (Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE WALTER L. MORRIS - 1933 thru August 5, 1950 (Died in office)
- JUDGE HARRIS BREWSTER - August 16, 1950 thru October 31, 1969
(Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE CLYDE R. ASHWORTH - November 1, 1969 thru December 31, 1982
(Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE GEORGE A. CROWLEY - April 21, 1983 thru December 31, 1996
- JUDGE JON BARTON - January 1, 1997 thru July 22, 2000 (Died in office)
- JUDGE DONALD (DON) J. COSBY - October 5, 2000 thru
(Appointed)

96th DISTRICT COURT

- **Established 1923**

- JUDGE HAL S. LATIMORE - 1923 thru September 1, 1932
(Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE MARVIN H. BROWN - September 2, 1932 thru 1934
(Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE A.J. POWER - 1935 to January 17, 1946 (Died in office)
- JUDGE THOMAS J. RENFRO - January 24, 1946 thru June 1, 1951
(Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE FISHER T. DENNY - July 23, 1951 thru 1968 (Retired)
- JUDGE JOE SPURLOCK - January 1, 1969 thru 1974
(Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE HAL M. LATTIMORE - January 1, 1975 thru February 8, 1987
(Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
- JUDGE ROGER J. (JEFF) WALKER - March 13, 1987 thru
(Appointed)

141st DISTRICT COURT

- **Established September 19, 1969**

- JUDGE JAMES E. WRIGHT - January 1, 1970 thru October 31, 1988 (Retired)
- JUDGE DIXON W. HOLMAN - November 2, 1988 thru December 31, 1990
(Did not run for re-election)
- JUDGE CATHERINE ADAMSKIGANT - January 1, 1991 thru December 31, 1994
(Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE PAUL ENLOW - January 1, 1995 thru December 31, 2002
(Defeated for re-election)

JUDGE LEN WADE	- January 1, 2003 thru February 13, 2009 (Resigned from office)
JUDGE JOHN P. CHUPP	- May 15, 2009 thru (Appointed)
<u>153rd DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established September 1, 1955
JUDGE HAROLD CRAIK	- September 6, 1955 thru May 31, 1971 (Retired)
JUDGE ARDELL M. YOUNG	- August 16, 1971 thru October 10, 1981 (Retired)
JUDGE SIDNEY C. FARRAR JR.	- December 29, 1981 thru December 31, 1992 (Defeated for re-election then advanced to the Court of Appeals)
JUDGE KEN CURRY	- January 1, 1993 thru
<u>213th DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established January 1, 1975
JUDGE TOM CAVE	- January 1, 1975 thru June 15, 1987 (Resigned)
JUDGE GEORGE S. KREDELL	- July 16, 1987 thru December 31, 1992 (Did not run for re-election)
JUDGE ROBERT K. GILL	- January 1, 1993 thru May 31, 2007 (Retired)
JUDGE LOUIS E. STURNS	- September 15, 2007 thru (Appointed)
<u>231st DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established April 1, 1977
JUDGE JOE SPURLOCK II	- September 1, 1977 thru September 18, 1983 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
JUDGE MARYELLEN HICKS	- April 21, 1983 thru December 31, 1992 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
JUDGE RANDY CATTERTON	- April 16, 1993 thru (Appointed)
<u>233rd DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established April 1, 1977
JUDGE HAROLD L. VALDERAS	- April 1, 1977 thru December 31, 1986 (Defeated for re-election)
JUDGE HARLAND (TOD) WEAVER	- January 1, 1987 thru December 31, 1988 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
JUDGE WILLIAM H. BRIGHAM	- January 1, 1989 thru March 24, 1995 (Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)
JUDGE WILLIAM W. HARRIS	- April 28, 1995 thru (Appointed)
<u>236th DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established April 1, 1977
JUDGE ALBERT L. WHITE JR.	- April 1, 1977 thru December 31, 1994 (Retired)
JUDGE TOM LOWE	- January 1, 1995 thru

297th DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE RUFUS J. ADCOCK

- **Established January 1, 1982**
- January 1, 1982 thru December 31, 1982
(Defeated for re-election)

JUDGE CHARLES DICKENS

- January 1, 1983 thru January 13, 1987 (Died in office)

JUDGE EARL E. BATES JR.

- January 13, 1987 thru December 12, 1988
(Defeated for re-election)

JUDGE EVERETT YOUNG

- December 12, 1988 thru

322nd DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE EVA BARNES

(Formerly Judge, Court of Domestic Relations No. 1 1-1-63 thru 8-31-77)

- **Established September 1, 1977**
(Replaced Court of Domestic Relations No. 1)
- September 1, 1977 thru 1978 (Retired)

JUDGE JOHN HILL

- January 1, 1979 thru October 16, 1983
(Advanced to Court of Civil Appeals)

JUDGE FRANK W. SULLIVAN III

- November 2, 1983 (Appointed) thru December 31, 2006
(Defeated for re-election)

JUDGE NANCY L. BERGER

- January 1, 2007 thru

323rd DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE SCOTT D. MOORE

(Formerly Judge, Court of Domestic Relations No. 2 9-1-65 thru 8-31-77)

- **Established September 1, 1977**
(Replaced Court of Domestic Relations No. 2)
- September 1, 1977 thru December 31, 1994 (Retired)

JUDGE JEAN HUDSON BOYD

- January 1, 1995 thru

324th DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE JOE H. EIDSON JR.

(Formerly Judge, Court of Domestic Relations No. 3 8-27-67 thru 8-31-77)

- **Established September 1, 1977**
(Replaced Court of Domestic Relations No. 3)
- September 1, 1977 thru February 19, 1983 (Died in office)

JUDGE BRIAN CARPER

- April 21, 1983 thru May 31, 2006 (Retired)

JUDGE JEROME S. HENNIGAN

- June 1, 2006 thru
(Appointed)

325th DISTRICT COURT

JUDGE ROBERT L. WRIGHT

(Formerly Judge, Court of Domestic Relations No. 4 1-1-70 thru 6-31-77)

- **Established September 1, 1977**
(Replaced Court of Domestic Relations No. 4)
- September 1, 1977 thru December 31, 1990 (Retired)

JUDGE MARY SEAN O'REILLY

- January 1, 1991 thru December 31, 1994
(Did not seek re-election)

JUDGE JUDITH G. WELLS

- January 1, 1995 thru

<u>342nd DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established September 1, 1983
JUDGE JOE BRUCE CUNNINGHAM	- September 1, 1983 thru December 31, 1992 (Defeated for re-election)
JUDGE BOB McGRATH	- January 1 ,1997 thru
<u>348th DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established September 1, 1983
JUDGE MICHAEL D. SCHATTMAN	- September 1, 1983 thru December 31, 1996 (Did not seek re-election)
JUDGE DANA M. WOMACK	- January 1, 1997 thru
<u>352nd DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established September 1, 1984
JUDGE JOHN G. STREET JR.	- November 16, 1984 thru December 31, 1988 (Defeated for re-election)
JUDGE BRUCE AULD	- January 1, 1989 thru December 1995 (Resigned due to illness)
JUDGE BONNIE SUDDERTH	- April 22, 1996 thru (Appointed)
<u>360th DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established January 1, 1984
JUDGE C THERINE ADAMSKI	- July 3, 1984 thru December 31, 1988 (Defeated for re-election)
JUDGE V. SUE KOENIG	- January 1, 1989 thru August 31, 2000 (Resigned from office)
JUDGE DEBRA LEHRMANN	- September 1, 2000 thru (Appointed)
<u>371st DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established September 1, 1990
JUDGE BILL BURDOCK	- January 1, 1991 thru December 31, 1994 (Defeated for re-election)
JUDGE JAMES R. WILSON	- January 1, 1995 thru December 31, 2006 (Defeated for re-election)
JUDGE MOLLEE WESTFALL	- January 1, 2007 thru
<u>372nd DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established September 1, 1990
JUDGE PETE PEREZ	- January 1, 1991 thru December 31, 1994 (Defeated for re-election)
JUDGE SCOTT WISCH	- January 1, 1995 thru
<u>396th DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established January 1, 2000
JUDGE GEORGE GALLAGHER	- January 1, 2000 thru (Appointed)
<u>432nd DISTRICT COURT</u>	- Established October 1, 2009
JUDGE RUBEN GONZALEZ	- October 1, 2009 thru (Appointed)

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 1

- **Established June 19, 1917**

- JUDGE GEORGE E. HOSEY - June 19, 1917 thru 1934
(Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE WILLIS M. MCGREGOR - 1935 thru 1962 (Retired)
- JUDGE BYRON MATTHEWS - January 1, 1963 thru November 1, 1981 (Retired)
- JUDGE MARVIN L. COLLINS - November 2, 1981 thru December 31, 1982
(Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE E.L. (TOBY) GOLDSMITH - January 1, 1983 thru December 31, 1986
(Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE LOUIS E. STURNS - January 1, 1987 thru March 31, 1990
(Advanced to Court of Criminal Appeals)
- JUDGE SHAREN WILSON - May 2, 1990 thru
(Appointed)

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 2

- **Established September 5, 1947**

- JUDGE DAVE MCGEE - September 5, 1947 thru December 11, 1963 (Died in office)
- JUDGE J.E. WINTERS - January 1, 1964 thru August 31, 1978 (Retired)
- JUDGE HOWARD M. FENDER - September 1, 1978 thru December 31, 1982
(Advanced to Court of Appeals)
- JUDGE LOUIS E. STURNS - January 11, 1983 thru May 22, 1983
(Not confirmed by Senate)
- JUDGE L. CLIFFORD DAVIS - May 23, 1983 thru December 31, 1988
(Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE LEE ANN DAUPHINOT - January 1, 1989 thru December 31, 1994
(Advanced to Court of Appeals)
- JUDGE WAYNE F. SALVANT - March 24, 1995 thru
(Appointed)

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 3

- **Established September 1, 1965**

- JUDGE CHARLES W. LINDSEY - September 1, 1965 thru 1978 (Retired)
- JUDGE RANDALL C. RILEY - January 1, 1979 thru December 31, 1982
(Defeated for re-election)
- JUDGE DON LEONARD - January 1, 1983 thru December 31, 2002 (Retired)
- JUDGE ELIZABETH BERRY - January 1, 2003 thru

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 4

- **Established September 19, 1969**

- JUDGE GORDON GRAY - January 1, 1970 thru December 31, 1984
(Advanced to Court of Appeals)
- JUDGE JOE DRAGO III - January 31, 1985 thru December 31, 2002 (Retired)
- JUDGE MIKE THOMAS - January 1, 2003 thru