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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- 27+ years experience as a licensed Texas attorney in good standing
- 14+ years experience in criminal prosecution as a County Attorney, Assistant District Attorney and elected District Attorney, 123rd Judicial District of Texas
- 273rd Judicial District Judge
- Since 1984, have prepared and prosecuted to conclusion thousands of cases from Class "C" traffic citations to capital murder
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EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Doctor of Jurisprudence

Mississippi College School of Law

1983

Bachelor of Science

Stephen F. Austin State University

1977

Mediation Certification

State Bar of Texas

1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 1, 2006 - Present

Assistant Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University Nacogdoches, TX

January 2003 – December 2005

Private Practice

General practice of both civil and criminal law.

- Court-appointed cases accepted in Nacogdoches and Panola counties in felony cases
- Civil work in contracts, estates, and family law

August 2001—December 2002

Assistant District Attorney Nacogdoches County, TX

Responsible for preparation and prosecution of assigned cases.

- Narcotics cases
- Juvenile cases for conduct involving delinquent behavior

September 1999—December 2000

District Judge 273rd Judicial District, TX

As a gubernatorial appointment, completed the unexpired term upon the death of the sitting judge.

- A general jurisdiction trial court serving Shelby, San Augustine and Sabine counties

- Signed death warrant in a capital case in which the defendant was executed; presided over the last weeks in his case prior to execution involving numerous WRIT hearings.
- Presided over criminal/civil docket in all three counties

January 1997—August 1999

District Attorney **123rd Judicial District, Shelby County, TX**

Represented the state in criminal cases from initial report, investigation and grand jury indictment to successful conclusion by either trial or settlement.

- Supervised all human resources functions for staff of 3-4
- Managed an average yearly docket of 650 active cases
- Prosecuted 5 capital cases
- Successfully prosecuted numerous appellate cases
- Provided monthly trainings for law enforcement on evidence and 4th Amendment issues on a voluntary basis.

March 1993—December 1995

Assistant Attorney General **Nacogdoches County, TX**

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

- Prosecuted fraud from service vendors and neglect in in-patient facilities cases
 - Prosecuted rape by an orderly of a mentally retarded patient
 - Prosecuted physician for fraud in excess of \$3 million
 - Prosecuted a nursing home for fraud in excess of \$5 million
 - Ran sting operations service vendors, i.e. optometrists and dentists
 - Investigated children's nursing home for suspicious deaths of 15 patients
- Child Support Division
 - Managing attorney directing staff of 42
 - Caseload of 11,000 for a 10 county area
 - Responsible for all areas of human resources management including staffing, training, customer service and budgeting

January 1989—December 1992

District Attorney **123rd Judicial District, Shelby and Panola Counties, TX**

Represented the state in criminal cases from initial report, investigation and grand jury indictment to successful conclusion by either trial or settlement.

- Involved working with multiple police departments, two sets of state troopers and sheriffs departments, managing two office staffs of 2-3 in each and two budgets.
- Panola County had the most prolific drug interdiction trooper in the country
- Local docket of 500 + cases annually

January 2006 to present- Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Legal Research, Appeals and Briefs, and Ethics on a regular rotating basis.

Other courses: Stress and Women in Criminal Justice

RESEARCH AND WRITING:

Instructor's Manual and Student Study Guide, accompanying Criminal Law, 8th edition, Sue Titus Reid 2009.

In Progress:

- (1) A paper in collaboration with Dr. Abel and Dr. Franks on the genesis of corruption in public officials . This paper has been presented at two different conferences, submission for publication Fall 2010.
- (2) A paper on the admission of videotape in trials and its effect on due process. This paper is also a collaborative effort with Dr. Franks and with Dr. Hans Hacker. Anticipated presentation is early 2011.