

Judge Jeff Brown Harris County Civil Courthouse 201 Caroline Street Houston, Texas 77002 713-368-6055

# **PROFESSIONAL**

55<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT, Harris County, Texas, Appointed by Gov. Rick Perry, December 2001, Elected to four-year term, November 2002, Elected unopposed to four-year term in 2006

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P., Associate, Trial Department, September 1996-December 2001

Briefing Attorney to the HON. GREG ABBOTT, Texas Supreme Court, January 1996-August 1996

Briefing Attorney to the HON. JACK HIGHTOWER, Texas Supreme Court, August 1995-December 1995

#### **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, J.D., magna cum laude, May 1995

- Top 10% of graduating class
- Order of the Coif
- Order of the Barons
- Dean's Scholar

- Chief Note & Comment Editor,
- Houston Law Review
- Intern to Hon. Mike Schneider, 157th Civil District Court, Harris County

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, B.A., English major, history minor, May 1992

- Sigma Tau Delta, International English honor society
- Resident Assistant, Men's Dormitories
- Editorial Columnist, The Daily Texan

# PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Named Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas, 2006, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Named Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston, 2006, Houston Young Lawyers Association
- Board Certified, Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- One of the Highest Rated Civil District Judges in Harris County (according to the Houston Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Polls)
- Member, Texas Pattern Jury Charge Committee
- Houston Police Officers Union Civil District Judge of the Year, 2002
- Civil District Judge of the Year, 2003, P.O.L.I.C.E., Inc. ("Peace Officers Looking Into Courthouse Excellence")
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center, September 1998-May 1999, August 2004-May 2006
- Editorial Board, *The Advocate* (quarterly journal of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas), 2005-present
- As a practicing attorney, tried jury cases to verdict in seven Southeast Texas counties
- Harris County Asbestos Judge, 2003-2005
- Assistant Coach, University of Houston Law Center Admiralty Moot Court Team, 2001-2003

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Liability for a Wrongfully Obtained Injunction: The Cause of Action Few Lawyers Understand, THE ADVOCATE, Fall 2005, at 83-86 (with Andrew M. Edison).
- War and Remembrance: HBA Members Recall WWII Experiences That Shaped Their Futures, THE HOUSTON LAWYER, Nov/Dec 1997, at 26-30 (with Sandra K. Williams and Cheryle R. Johnston).

- Good Things Come in Well-Defined Packages: The Simple Elegance of Travelers Indemnity Co. v. The Sam Houston, 25 STETSON L. REV. 123 (1995).
- Note, Penrod Drilling Corp. v. Williams: *The Sinking of Another Maritime Anomaly*, 31 HOUS. L. REV. 1317 (1994).

#### BAR AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, Board of Directors, Texas Center for the Judiciary
- Judicial Liaison to the Houston Young Lawyers Association, 2002-2003
- Vice-Chairman, 2003 National Trial Competition, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Foundation, and Houston Young Lawyers Foundation
- Co-Chairman, HBA John J. Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run Committee, benefiting The Center for Persons with Mental Retardation
- Former Member, HBA Historical, Barbecue, and Judicial Polls Committees
- Member, Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists
- Member, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society
- Member, American Judicature Society
- Member, College of the State Bar of Texas

# **COMMUNITY**

• Member, Bellaire United Methodist Church, 1996-Present

Teacher, Senior High School Sunday School Class; Covenant Sunday School Class; Church & Society Committee; Long Range Planning Committee; Scripture Reader; Executive Board, Ring of Fire Men's Club

- Operation Compassion, 2005 (served food to Hurricane Katrina evacuees at George R. Brown Convention Center)
- Coach, Weekley Family YMCA Flag Football, Eight- and Nine-Year-Olds, 2006
- Coach, Westbury Soccer League, Five- and Six-Year-Olds, 2006
- Sponsor and Coach, Devil Rays, Westbury Little League, 2004
- Cub Scout Pack 455, Westbury United Methodist Church

Cubmaster, 2006-Present; Assistant Cubmaster, 2005-2006; Den Leader, 2004-2005

Member, Golden Arrow District Committee, Sam Houston Area Council, BSA

Chairman, Golden Arrow District Tiger Day, 2006

District Service Award, 2007

• Life Member, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Committeeman, Breeders Greeters Committee, 2006-Present

- Member, Board of Directors, Houston Law Review, 2004-Present
- Member, Board of Directors, University of Houston Law Alumni Association, 2005-Present
- Member, LifeHouse Advisory Board, 2002-2005
- Member, Board of Directors, Christian Community Service Center, 1999-2002
- Member, Urban Scouting Committee, Sam Houston Area Council, BSA, 1997-1999
- Celebrity Reader, Volunteers in Public Schools ("VIPS"), HISD, 2002-2006
- Member, Commit for Life, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
- Graduate, Leadership Houston Class XVIII
- Eagle Scout

#### **CLUBS**

- R Club, Former Treasurer and President
- Houston Area Road Runners Association (marathon finisher)
- Charter Member, Judge Jeff Brown Book Club

#### **PERSONAL**

• Married to Susannah Scheps Brown since 1992; three children, Kathleen (11), Rob (9), and Gus (6)