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## PROFILE

**ACCOMPLISHED ATTORNEY WITH OVER TWENTY YEARS OF LITIGATION AND APPELLATE EXPERIENCE, AND EIGHTEEN YEARS OF GOVERNMENTAL LAW EXPERIENCE:**

- Management of complex civil litigation cases from pre-suit claims through trial and appeal
- Comprehensive case analysis and development of strategies for effective and efficient results
- Highly successful in obtaining dismissals through jurisdictional and dispositive motions
- Proficient handling of complex motions and requests for extraordinary relief
- First chair trial experience
- Appellate briefing in United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Texas Supreme Court, and Texas Courts of Appeals, and oral argument before numerous Texas Courts of Appeals
- Practical legal counsel to City Council, Planning and Zoning Boards, and other local governmental bodies and their staff, including advice on issues related to contracts, zoning, land use, employment matters, constitutional concerns, the Open Meetings Act, and Texas Public Information Act
- Preparation of ordinances and resolutions, contracts, and other legal documents

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**CITY OF THE COLONY**, The Colony, Texas  
Presiding Municipal Court Judge, September 2011 to July 2018

**CITY OF SEAGOVILLE**, Seagoville, Texas  
Associate Municipal Court Judge, December 2016 to present

**LAFFERTY LAW FIRM, PLLC**, Plano, Texas  
Member, December 2012-present

**LAFFERTY & SLAYTON, PLLC**, Dallas, Texas  
Member, April 2010-November 2012

- Provided legal expertise to businesses and governmental entities in litigation, appellate, and transactional matters.

**NICHOLS, JACKSON, DILLARD, HAGER & SMITH, LLP**, Dallas, Texas  
Senior Associate, 2007-2010

- Defended and prosecuted lawsuits and appeals for governmental entities involving contract and tort claims, employment and civil service disputes, annexation, eminent domain, and constitutional issues.
- Negotiated and drafted service agreements, purchase agreements, public works contracts, franchises, licenses and lease of property.

**SMITH & MOORE, PLLC**, Dallas, Texas  
Contract Attorney, 2007

- Performed legal services for litigation firm practicing primarily in area of aviation law, handling various pretrial and post-trial matters for complex commercial and wrongful death litigation with damages asserted in the seven-figure dollar range.

**LAW OFFICES OF ARTHUR K. SMITH**, Allen, Texas  
Senior Associate, 2003-2007

- Practiced primarily in the areas of business litigation and insurance defense, with an emphasis on coverage, contract, product defect and premises liability law.

**CITY OF PLANO**, Plano, Texas

Assistant City Attorney, 2001-2003

- Provided legal services and support for eight City departments and two Commissions.
- Represented City and its employees in civil litigation, including contract, deprivation of civil rights, and tort claims.
- Negotiated and drafted service agreements, purchase agreements, franchises, and licenses.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**, Dallas County, Texas

Assistant District Attorney, 1997-2000

*Specialized Crime Division*

- Prosecuted felony white-collar crime offenses, representing the state at trial and during pretrial discovery suppression motions; responsibilities included pre-indictment case evaluation, presentation of cases to grand jury, negotiation of plea bargain agreements, compilation and organization of voluminous evidence, and witness preparation.

*Appellate Division*

- Represented the State in over 100 appeals from trial judgments with a near perfect success rate.

**EDUCATION**

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Dallas, Texas

Juris Doctorate, May 1996

Honors: *Maguire Center for Ethics & Public Responsibility Fellow*, Fellow 1996

*Phi Delta Phi Honor Legal Fraternity*, Exchequer 1995-1996

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin, Texas

Bachelor of Science; Advertising, May 1989 (Honors)

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

State Bar of Texas, 1996

United States District Court for Northern District of Texas

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

*Policy and Procedure Fundamentals for Employers, Municipal Matters Seminar*

*Economic Development Tools*, Annual Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar

*Land Use Law: Procedural Tools and Traps*, Annual Riley Fletcher Basic Municipal Law Seminar

*Policy and Procedure Fundamentals for Employers, Municipal Matters 101*

*Legal Aspects of Code Administration*, Building Professionals Institute

*Texas Cases Affecting Municipalities*, Texas City Attorney's Association

*Retaliation and the Public Employer*, Enterprise Center

*Texas Public Information Act*, Enterprise Center

**MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Texas City Attorney Association

Texas Municipal League

Texas Municipal Courts Association