

Judge Bonnie Sudderth
352nd District Court
Tarrant County, Texas

EDUCATION:

J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1985
Attended University of Exeter School of Law, Exeter, England 1984
B.S., Public Administration, *magna cum laude*, University of Southern California, 1982
Attended l'universite de dijon, Dijon, France 1981

EXPERIENCE:

State District Court Judge, 352nd District of Texas (Tarrant County, Texas), 1996-present
Chief Judge, Fort Worth Municipal Court (Fort Worth, Texas), 1990-1996
Judge, Fort Worth Municipal Court (Fort Worth, Texas), 1990
Municipal Judge *Pro Tem*, Fort Worth Municipal Court (Fort Worth, Texas), 1989
Attorney, private practice of law, 1986-1990

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:

Board Certified, Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Board Certified, Personal Injury Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Certificate of Special Competence, Civil Law, Texas Center for the Judiciary

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

President, Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, 2010-2011
Member, Court Rules Committee, State Bar of Texas, 2009-present
President, American Judges Association, 2001-2002 (various officer positions 1998-2001)
Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation, 1999
Charter Fellow, Tarrant County Bar Foundation, 1998
Task Force Member, Texas Commission on Judicial Efficiency, Staff Diversity Committee, 1996
Commissioner, Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct, 1991-1996
President, Texas Municipal Courts Association, 1995-1996 (various officer positions 1991-1996)
Chair, State Bar of Texas, Municipal Judges Section, 1994-1995 (various officer positions 1992-1996)
Editorial Board Member, *Court Review Magazine* (1992-1997).

AWARDS AND HONORS:

"Excellence in Justice" Award, Texas Wesleyan University (2011)
"Best Series of Articles," Award, State Bar of Texas (for the Offering & Objecting Series appearing in the Tarrant County Bar Bulletin, 2007), June 2008
"Outstanding Mentor" Award, Texas Young Lawyers Association, June 2008
"Outstanding Mentor" Award, Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, May 2008
"Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Member" Award, Texas Wesleyan University Law School Alumni Association, April 2008

"Best Series of Articles" Award, State Bar of Texas (for the Offering & Objecting Series appearing in the Tarrant County Bar Bulletin, 2005-06), June 2006
"Tarrant County's Most Influential Women" Award, 1997
"Outstanding Woman of Fort Worth," Fort Worth Commission on the Status of Women, 1995

CONTINUING LEGAL/JUDICIAL EDUCATION:

Adjunct Professor of Law, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, 1999-present
Frequent Lecturer, Tarrant County Bar Association, Brown Bag CLE Seminars, 1996-present
Fellow, College of the State Bar of Texas, 1992-present
Faculty Member, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, 1991-1996

PUBLICATIONS:

Published: "Five Adages for Advocates: Look Before You Leap," *Texas Wesleyan Law School Board of Trial Advocates Website*, June 2008
Published: "Five Adages for Advocates: A Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing," *Texas Wesleyan Law School Board of Trial Advocates Website*, May 2008
Published: "Five Adages for Advocates: Better Late Than Never," *Texas Wesleyan Law School Board of Trial Advocates Website*, April 2008
Published: "Five Adages for Advocates: A Picture is Worth 1000 Words," *Texas Wesleyan Law School Board of Trial Advocates Website*, March 2008
Published: "Five Adages for Advocates: Two Wrongs Don't Make A Right," *Texas Wesleyan Law School Board of Trial Advocates Website*, February 2008
Published: "Offering & Objecting: The Dead Man's Rule," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, December 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: Witness Competency," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, November 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: Lay Opinion Testimony," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, October 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: Unfiled Discovery Products as Summary Judgment Evidence," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, September 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: The Affidavit as Summary Judgment Evidence," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, August 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: Interested Witness Evidence in the Summary Judgment Context," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, July 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: Summary Judgment Evidence and the Pleadings," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, June 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: The Best Evidence Rule Exceptions," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, May 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: The Best Evidence Rule Regarding Duplicates," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, April 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: The Best Evidence Rule, Origins in Common Law," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, March 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: Summaries of Evidence," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, February 2007
Published: "Offering & Objecting: The Use of Prior Testimony," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, January 2007

Published: "Offering & Objecting: The Formal Bills of Exception," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, December 2006

Published: "Offering & Objecting: Preserving Error on Evidentiary Rulings & The Offer of Proof," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, November 2006

Published: "Offering & Objecting: Proof of Jury Misconduct During Deliberations," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, October 2006

Published: "Offering & Objecting: The Use and Limitations of the Running Objection," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, September 2006

Published: "Offering & Objecting: Silence as Evidence," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, August 2006

Published: "Offering & Objecting: Admissions by Silence," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, July 2006

Published: "Offering & Objecting: Judicial Admissions Through (Oops!) Statements by Attorneys," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, June 2006

Published: "Offering & Objecting: Judicial Admissions in Testimony," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, May 2006

Published: "The Use of Admissions at Trial," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, April 2006

Published: "The Use and Limitations of Limine Motions," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, March 2006

Published: "The Use of Judicial Notice to Prove Attorney's Fees," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, February 2006

Published: "The Use of Judicial Notice for Ordinances, Rules and Regulations," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, January 2006

Published: "The Use of Judicial Notice to Prove Foreign Law," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, December 2006

Published: "The Use of Judicial Notice to Prove Adjudicative Facts," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, November 2005

Published: "The Rule of Prior Bad Acts and the Exceptions," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, October 2005

Published: "The Non-Responsive Objection Revisited," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, September 2005

Published: "The Rule of Optional Completeness Revisited," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, August 2005

Published: "Prior Consistent Statements Revisited," *Tarrant County Bar Bulletin*, July 2005

Published: "I've Said It Before, Now I'll Say It Again – The Rule of Prior Consistent Statements," *In Chambers Magazine*, Vol. 30, No. 1, Spring Issue 2003

Presented: "Scientific Evidence in the Courts: Concepts and Controversies," American Judges Association Annual Educational Conference, Orlando, Florida, August, 1998

Presented & Authored: "Dr. Welby Doesn't Live Here Anymore: Expert Evidence in Medical Malpractice and Other Personal Injury Cases," State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, Texas, June, 1998

Published: "The Patriot Movement: Paper Warriors and Common Law Courts," *Court Review Magazine*, Fall/Winter Issue 1997

Presented: "Courts Under Attack: The Paper War," American Judges Association Annual Educational Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, September, 1997

Published: "The Community Service Alternative," *Municipal Court Recorder*, Vol. 3, No. 4, 1993

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:

National Christian Forensics and Communications Association Clubs, Debate Judge for Qualifier Tournaments, 2009, 2010, 2011
Fort Worth Garden Club, 2009-present
Fort Worth Rotary Club, Music Committee, 1994-present
Cinderella Conference Participant, American Association of University Women (Northeast Tarrant County and Tarrant County Branches) and Circle T Girl Scout Association, 1995-2006
Tarrant County Women's Policy Forum, 1996-2006
Fort Worth Symphony League, 1995-present
Regional Director, Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, U.S. Department of Defense, 1992-1998
Fort Worth Teen Court, Inc., Board Member, 1990-1996

OTHER ACTIVITIES/INTERESTS:

USSF Grade 8 Licensed Soccer Referee, 2003-2006
NTSSA Level G Licensed Soccer Coach, 2005-present