



## Christy Amuny

Senior Trial Counsel

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### Career Highlights

- Has actively practiced personal injury defense and insurance defense law, and business litigation, including Toxic Torts, Bad Faith, Insurance Coverage, Products Liability, Deceptive Trade Practices, Hurricane/Hail Claims, Contract Disputes and Premises Liability cases for 29 years.
- Consistent record of success trying personal injury defense cases and insurance law cases.
- Has tried over 100 jury trials to verdict.
- Frequent lecturer on litigation and insurance defense issues including: *Use of Jury Questionnaires and Jury Consultants; Striking Experts Panel; Premises Liability; Minor Impact Cases and Use of Experts; How to Try the Minor Impact Soft Tissue Case; Investigation by the Claims Adjuster and What it Means to the Trial Attorney; Investigation and Evaluation of a Claim; Causation In Texas; Chapter 95 and Premise Owners; Experts: A Practical Guide; Causation and Damages; Trying Your Case to the Jury – Lessons Learned the Hard Way; 2013 Legislative Update and Expedited Rules; Causation in Texas – Clear as Mud; True Grit- Insurance Law for the Trial Lawyer; The 20 Minute Voir Dire in a Car Wreck Case; Defense Strategy: Causation and Damages; Personal Injury Damages; Evidence & Discovery Update; Differences*

*Between Texas and Louisiana Law; Medical Expense – Past & Future; Voir Dire from the Civil Perspective; Litigation Update; Evidence Update; Medical Expenses Update; Experts in the Car Wreck Case – Do You Really Need Them?; Laws of Motion: navigating Motion Practice in the Courts of Texas and Louisiana; Hot Topics in Litigation; Cross Examining Experts; Damages; Ethics Opinions – Who Do I Represent and Who Can I Talk To?*

### **Professional Experience**

- Germer PLLC – Senior Trial Counsel, 2017 - present
- Bain & Barkley, A Partnership of Professional Corporations – Director of Beaumont Office; 2008-2016
- Jenkins & Martin, L.L.P., 2004-2008
- Pate, Spivey & Amuny, L.L.P., 2003-2004
- Pate & Dodson, L.L.P. – Partner, 1997; 1991-2002

### **Bar and Court Admissions**

- Texas State Bar, 1990
- Louisiana State Bar, 2010
- U. S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana

### **Professional Memberships**

- Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization – 1998
- American Board of Trial Advocates – Advocate; 2011 to present
- State Bar of Texas – Member
- State Bar of Texas Board of Directors – District 3 Representative (2016 to 2019)
- State Bar of Texas, Litigation Council – 2004 to 2019; Secretary 2009-2010; Treasurer 2010-2011; Vice-Chair 2011-2012; Chair-Elect 2012-2013; Chair 2013-2014; Immediate Past Chair 2014-2015; Chair Emeritus 2015-2018
- Louisiana State Bar Association - Member
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel, District 2 Director (2007-2010); Programs Vice President (2010-2012); Secretary (2012-2013); Publications Vice President (2013-2015); Membership Vice President (2016-2017); Treasurer (2018-2019)
- Jefferson County Bar Association – Immediate Past President 2007-2008, President 2006-2007, President Elect 2005-2006, Vice President 2004-2005, Secretary 2003-2004, Director 2001-2003
- Texas Super Lawyer 2004, 2006-2019
- Texas Lawyer Go-To-Guide 2007 – named one of the top 5 Personal Injury Defense Lawyers in the State

### **Education**

- J.D. Texas Tech School of Law, 1990
  - Delta Theta Phi; Board of Barristers; Law School Board of Governors
- B.A. The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1986

**Personal Information**

Born in Port Arthur, Texas on December 6, 1963.



## **Resume- Steve Fischer**

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Indiana University School of Law - J.D. 1978 - Law School Advisory Committee.

University of North Texas - MPA 1997 - Minor Political Science

Sam Houston State U. Criminal Justice Center - M.A. Crim. Justice - 1992

University of Texas, El Paso - Grad. Studies -Poly Sci.-Student Body President 1974-5

University of California, Berkeley - B.A. (Honors) 1973 - Student Senate

College of the State Bar - 1989-90, 2016

**State Bar of Texas Board of Directors** 2011-2014. Elected from my 16 County-District in 2011. **Texas Bar Journal Board of Editors, Law Practice Management Committee 2018- State Bar Professional Rules Committee** 2016 to 2018. I've served on most of the State Bar Committees.

**Aransas County Independent School District Trustee** –Elected May 2008- 2011 Made policy for our school system. Never missed a regular meeting.

**President Aransas Area Bar Association.** 2005-9

**Attorney** General Practice. El Paso, Texas -previously Rockport, Denton, Walker and Ector Counties. Won Sandoval Murder Trial - Texas Monthly Magazine Cover Story, August 1991. Walker County Bar Pro Bono Award 1992.

**Willacy District & County Attorney** - Elected. 1988-90. Represented State and County in all criminal and civil matters through the appellate level. Advised Commissioner's Court, Sheriff's Dept. Supervised a staff ranging from 5-10 employees. Personally tried one or two cases a month. Served as Assistant Willacy District Attorney (1987-8), Successfully prosecuted voter fraud trials and other high profile cases. **Assistant County Atty El Paso- Assistant District Atty. Cuero** 1986-1987).

**Visiting Asst. Professor- Univ. of Texas - Permian Basin** One-year position academic year 1992-3. Spring 1993 - Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure.. Supervised research projects and organized internship program. Nominated for Chancellor's Outstanding Faculty Award. **Adjunct Faculty Political Science- Criminal Justice –Del Mar College** 2001-2003 **St. Leo's Univ.** Criminal Justice. Reynaldo Garza School of Law 1989 - Criminal Law Clinic for 3rd year students. **El Paso Community College** 1981-6 - Political Science , State & Local Government. 6-8 classes per year). **University of Texas, El Paso** - Teaching Assistant - 1974-5 Political Science. Excellent evaluations from both faculty and students. Also taught 4/9 of graduate criminal law seminar **Sam Houston State U.** 1991

**Chairman - El Paso Community Development Committee**.1980-5. Appointed by Mayor and City Council in 1980. Elected Chairman 1982-4. This budgetary body allocated over \$10 million annually in federal funds to low and moderate income areas and groups in El Paso. Won \$4.5 million bonus grant. Other committees **Aldermanic Redistricting Board** 1982-3. Drew and named El Paso city election districts (Fischer Plan) 1982-92 which were approved by city council and the United States Justice Department. This hotly contested issue involved provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

**Lobbyist - National Student Association** - 1973 & 1975. U.S. Congress. Supervised "Shield" legislation, Testified before U.S. House Judiciary Committee on March 15, 1973.

**Publication Highlights.** **Columnist Texas Tribune 2016 – present.** **Texas Bar Journal** "Texas Attorney Demographics 2012, Mar. 2003 "Small Texas County Demographics" Feb 1994. "Texas Attorney Demographics" - March '93 & Oct. 97 (excerpts in Austin, San Antonio, & Tyler papers)f. Contributing Editor "**Not Guilty - The Criminal Defense Newsletter**" Jan-July 1992. Columnist - **El Paso Herald Post** 1982 - 1986 (part-time) and **Paso Del Norte Magazine** 1983-4. Wrote about Politics and Court Cases. Guest Columnist **Huntsville Item** 1992. **El Paso Times** November 2007 **Corpus Christi Caller-Times** Feb. 2007 **Rockport Pilot** Various columns. Wrote monthly business articles for the **New Zealand Financial Review** and **Insight Asia** (Murdoch) 1984-6 that circulated throughout 12 Asian nations. **Encyclopedia of Prisons** 1995 Chapter on Due Process. Guest Editorials November 2008 on Border Fence, **Rocky Mountain News**, **San Antonio Express-News**, **Waco Tribune**, **Valley Morning Star**, **Fort Worth Star Telegram** & **Houston Chronicle**, and others.

**Founder Texas Discussion Groups for Attorneys.** 2011-present. Originated the concept of discussion groups for attorneys and those I founded include Texas Family Lawyers, Texas Real Estate Lawyers, Texas Estate & Probate Lawyers and others. I have also helped others start groups and just about every possible area of practice is covered.

**Licensed** - Illinois 1979, Texas 1983 Lic. # 07043340. **U.S. District Courts** - Wisconsin (East), Arkansas (both), Texas (Northern, & Western) **U.S. Courts of Appeals** - 4th, 5th, 6th, 10th & 11th. **United States Supreme Court.**



# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 17-9083

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## **REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CHOICE OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS**

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ORDERED that:

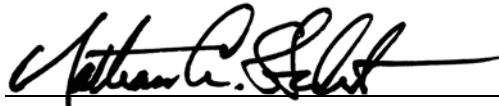
Pursuant to Article V, Section 1-a(2) of the Texas Constitution, the following regulations govern the appointment of members of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct by the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas:

Each member of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (“the Commission”) chosen by the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas (“the board”) pursuant to Article V, Section 1-a(2) of the Texas Constitution must be a lawyer, licensed in Texas, with more than ten years’ practice at the time of the selection, of good repute, and with high ethical standards. The president of the State Bar of Texas (“the president”) and the chair of the board (“the chair”) must confer and nominate, for consideration by the board at a scheduled meeting (“the meeting”), one or more qualified lawyers for each position to be filled. The nominee(s) shall be published to the board and officers of the State Bar at least fifteen calendar days prior to the duly scheduled meeting of the board of directors at which they will be considered. Additional nominations for a position may be made by any board member by informing the president and the chair in writing no later than ten calendar days before the meeting. The board must choose each Commission member by majority vote at the meeting. The chair must promptly notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant Governor, and the chair of the Senate Committee on Nominations of each selection.

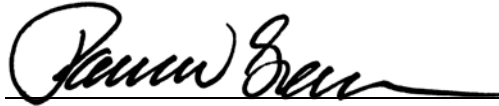
This Order supercedes the Order in Misc. Dkt. No. 12-9014 (Jan. 24, 2012).

Dated: August 10, 2017.

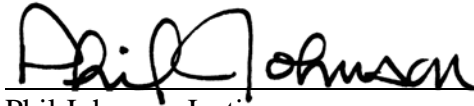




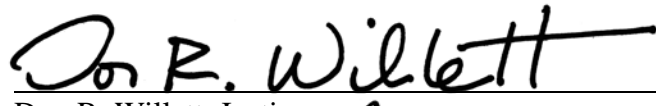
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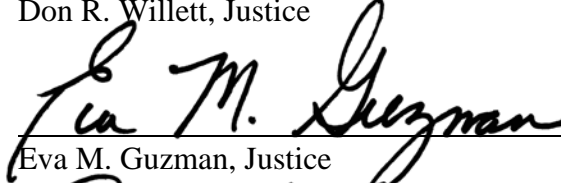
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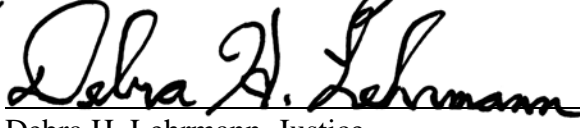
Phil Johnson, Justice



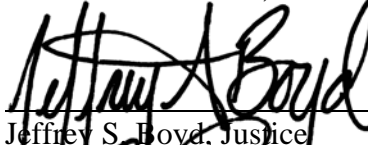
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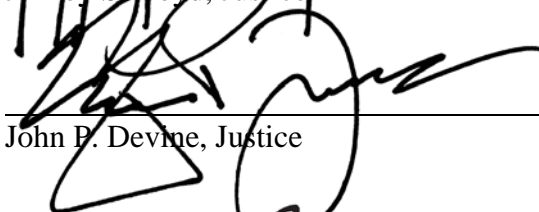
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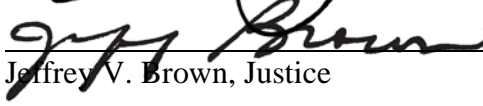
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice



**State Bar of Texas Board of Directors**  
**Social Media Engagement Team, 2019-2020**

The State Bar Board of Directors approved a Social Media Engagement Team in June 2019. Working in coordination with the State Bar communications staff, members of the engagement team will use their personal accounts to post and respond to messages on Facebook discussion groups and other online platforms where Texas lawyers discuss substantive legal or practice management issues. By participating in these discussions, the engagement team will seek to increase awareness of State Bar benefits and services and to better educate members about matters of State Bar governance.

Social Media Engagement Team Members:

State Bar Directors:

- President Randy Sorrels, Houston
- President-elect Larry P. McDougal, Richmond
- Shelby Jean, Fort Worth
- Carmen M. Roe, Houston
- Charlie Ginn, McKinney
- Diane St. Yves, Houston
- Yolanda Cortes Mares, Temple
- David Sergi, San Marcos
- Amy Welborn\*, Austin

Non-Director Members:

- Michelle Cheng\*, Austin
- Scott Rothenberg\*, Houston
- Jason Rowe\*, Houston
- Andrew Tolchin\*, Angleton

Staff Representatives:

- John Sirman\*, Austin
- Seana Willing\*, Austin

\*pending State Bar board approval, September 2019