

BRUCE WOODY

Former Judge, Dallas County Court at Law Number Four

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Educational:

J.D., Southern Methodist University School of Law, 1979
B.S., Accounting and Economics, University of Nebraska, 1970

Professional:

2011-date: Magistrate, City of Carrollton.

2009-2011: Associate with the firm of Canada Ridley, LLP, Grapevine, TX.

2007-2008: Of counsel to the firm of Wendel A. Withrow, Attorney at Law, Carrollton, TX.

1994-2007: Judge, Dallas County Court at Law Number Four.
Appointed as Judge, Dallas County Court at Law Number Four by Dallas County Commissioners Court on June 17, 1994. Elected to full four-year term, November 1994; won the Republican Primary with 62.5% of the vote. Assumed that Bench June 17, 1994, to serve the remainder of the term of the retired incumbent. Re-Elected without opposition 1998. Re-elected 2002. Elected Presiding Judge, Dallas County Courts at Law twice.

The jurisdiction of this civil court was unlimited. I had verdicts as high as \$43 million. As judge, I disposed of over 31,000 civil cases in twelve years. I presided over 508 jury trials.

Appointed to State Bar of Texas Judicial Ethics Committee and Judicial Education Committee, teaching other judges.

1982-1994: self-employed with own solo law firm, engaging in the practice of civil and criminal law. Formed several corporations and partnerships and worked with clients in maintaining the new entities as required by law. Represented several small businesses in their day-to-day legal requirements. Counseled individuals, corporations, and partnerships and represented them in their personal injury, employment disputes including federal labor laws, contract, probate, and other types of cases. Represented parties in all phases of civil actions, from initiation, through discovery of all types, and into trial. Represented individuals in criminal actions. Prosecuted lawsuits; defended lawsuits; negotiated settlements. Participated in many trials, jury and non-jury. Drew wills for individuals and handled the probate of estates. Counseled with individuals concerning their estate planning needs. Created guardianships and maintained records of

same and made regular reports to the probate court as required by law. Represented many minor children as court-appointed guardian ad litem. Acted as court-appointed attorney ad litem.

1986-1994: Taught Law and Small Business in Continuing Education at Brookhaven, Northlake, and Richland Community Colleges. Covered all aspects of employment law.

1981-1982: In-house counsel with large commercial property management firm.

1980-1981: Associate with law firm engaged in the practice of civil law.

Military:

1970-1976: United States Air Force. Captain, Regular Air Force. Strategic Air Command Combat Crew Member. Security Clearance: Top Secret. Single Integrated Operations Plan. Special Weapons qualified. 160 Combat Missions over Southeast Asia. Recipient of Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism, Air Medal with eight Oak Leaf Clusters, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Cambodia Expeditionary Medal, Presidential Unit Citation.

Professional and Service Organizations:

Dallas Bar Association: former Chair, Law Library Committee. Former Member, Courthouse Committee, Judiciary Committee, Library Committee, Ethics Committee, State Fair Trial by Jury Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee. Served as Chair of Task Force on Law Library Funding, appointed by Dallas County Commissioners Court. Former Member, Dallas Asian American Bar Association, Greater Dallas Hispanic Bar Association, J.L. Turner Legal Association.

Former member, Board of Directors, Dispute Mediation Services.

Participant in Jesuit High School/Dallas Bar Association program to provide free legal advice to senior citizens.

Former member, Carrollton Lions Club.

Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce (currently serve as the legal adviser to the Chamber), Former Member Richardson Chamber of Commerce (Education Committee), Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Scholarship Committee), Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee.

Military Order of the World Wars. Judge Advocate. Recipient, Patrick Henry Award for Patriotic Service, Citation for Outstanding Service as Chair, Young Companions Committee.

American Legion. Former Commander, Post 581. Former Judge Advocate.

Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Air Force Association.

Former Member, Rotary Club of Carrollton-Farmers Branch. Six years perfect attendance. Paul Harris Fellow.

Member, Christ United Methodist Church, Farmers Branch. Greeter, former Certified Lay Speaker. Usher, Lay Reader. 1978 – current.

Dallas County Community College Outstanding Service Award for excellence in teaching law courses in Continuing Education Division for eight years.

Dallas Can! Academy Superstar.

Co-organized in Farmers Branch, with my wife, a Town Hall meeting on crime and drugs, televised by Channel 8, which became a series of Town Hall meetings in Dallas County.

Recognized by the Farmers Branch City Council for starting program to use excess home-grown fruit and vegetables for the hungry.

North Texas Radio Reading for the Blind Award.

Marillac Social Center Benefactor, Catholic Charities.

Former RHD Memorial Hospital Spiritual Care Volunteer, nine years.

Channel 13 Auction Volunteer Co-Chair, six years. During this time, we achieved the highest net profit of any PBS auction in the country.

Volunteered as judge for state high school mock trial and SMU Law School Moot Court.

Main Event Chair, Dallas Military Ball 2000.

Red Ribbon Anti-Drug Committee member, former.