

JUSTICE JIM SHARP (Ret.)

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Education

South Texas College of Law, Houston, J.D., May 1988
University of Texas, Austin, B.A., English, 1981
Jesuit College Preparatory School, Dallas, 1970

Experience

Appellate Court Justice

First Court of Appeals of Texas, Houston Jan. 2009 - Dec. 2014

Attorney
Houston

Justice Jim Sharp (Ret.), Attorney and Mediator, a.k.a Sharp Law Firm,

Nov. 1989 - Dec. 2008 and Jan. 2015 - present
General solo practice. Civil and criminal litigation.
Trials in civil, family, juvenile, criminal state courts. Hearings in
probate courts. Mediations. Certified Arbitrator.
State court appeals. Licensed in Texas and U.S. District Court of
Northern District of Texas.

Of Counsel

Schneider Wallace Cottrell Brayton Konecky LLP, Houston
February 2015 - Fall, 2015

Briefing Clerk
(1985 - 1989)

The Chaffin Law Firm, Houston
Hardy, Milutin and Johns, Houston
Fulbright & Jaworski, Houston Admiralty section
Butler & Binion, Houston Intellectual Property section
Reynolds, Allen & Cook, Houston

Sales/Public Relations

Champion International Corp., Federal Envelope Div.,
Ft.Worth, Sales Representative, June 1983-August 1984

American Income Life Insurance Co.,
New Mexico, El Paso, Boston
Director, Public Relations, March 1982-June 1983

Writer/Consultant

- Grant proposal - video-taped oral history of elderly Texans
- Consultant - East Dallas school board redistricting
- Consultant - René Martinez, candidate Dallas School Board

Matt Reese and Associates, Inc., Washington, D.C.
Campaign planner/writer, April 1979-July 1980
Drafted and implemented electoral campaign plans for Presidential
candidate Edward M. Kennedy; US Senators (Alaska Sen. Mike Gravel;
New Hampshire Sen. Jon Durkin; Iowa Sen. John Culver; Idaho Sen. Frank
Church;) Governors (Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown; Louisiana

Gubernatorial candidate Louis Lambert;) Ballot Initiatives/Referenda (Washington, DC Gambling Initiative, 1979; Citizens of Atlanta-Fulton, 1979; Alaska General Stock Ownership Corporation (AGSOC, 1979.)

Legislative/Electoral

Texas House of Representatives, Austin

Administrative and Legislative Assistant to Rep. Smith E. Gilley, and Rep. Arnold Gonzales, 1981

Legislative Clerk to the Calendar Clerk, 1971-74

Texas Senate, Austin

Staff, Senate Education Committee, Sen. Oscar Mauzy, Chairman,

Co-authored two interim study reports (see Publications), Aug.'77-April'79

Lane Denton Campaign-Railroad Commission, Austin

Deputy Campaign Manager. December 1975-May 1976

First political ad in *Texas Monthly* magazine, Spring, 1976

Publications

- *"How Did They Know...?"*, Texas Observer, October 1982
- Senate Interim Reports:
 - *Teachers Insurance Benefits, Fall 1978 (co-author);
 - *Migrant and Bilingual Educ. 1978
- Joint Legislative Report: Federal/State Student Financial Aid, Fall 1978 (contributing author)

Activities and Distinctions

- *Honored Justice, 2015* HBA Appellate Practice Section
- Recipient - Univ. of Texas Arts & Sciences Foundation Scholarship
- Public Relations Professional Award, six-time recipient, American Income Life Ins. Co.
- Elected - Travis County Democratic Exec. Comm., May 1976
- Nominated - Sec/Treas, Exec. Comm., Bernalillo Co. New Mexico CLC
- State Bar of Texas, 1989 - present
 - Appellate and Judicial Section
- Houston Bar Association 2009-2015
 - Appellate Practice Section
- College of the State Bar 2009
- Mexican American Bar Assoc. of Houston (1991 - present)
 - Judicial Screening Committee (2015- 2020)
- Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 1990-2008
- Certification - "Advocate", National College of Advocacy, 1991
- Texas Trial Lawyers Association, 1990- 2008
- Harris County Criminal Lawyers Assn. 1992 - 2008; 2020-present
- Association of Women Attorneys 2013- 2016
- NAACP - Houston 2015 - 2018
- *Irish Society of Houston* Member: 1990 - present
 - Board of Directors: 2015 -Present
 - Vice-President: 2017 - present
- *Grace Foundation/Houston* Advisory Board, 2008-2012

The Grace Foundation of Texas responds to the financial gap that exists for young adults who have survived childhood/teenage homelessness and have aged out of the existing support systems available to them.

- *Houston Works USA*. Board of Directors, nonprofit workforce training organization, 2010 - 2012