JOHN W. CLINTON, JR.



01/2019 - Retired Judge Visiting Judge

Visiting Judge for criminal, civil, family or justice of the peace

01/2011 - 12/2018 Presiding Judge

Harris County Criminal
Court Number 4

I have handled roughly 25,000 cases and tried over 350 jury trials without one result being overturned.

I work with the Shattered Dreams project - an innovative effort that teaches young people the effects of drunk driving.

2014 I received the Judicial Service Award from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD).

I serve on the Domestic Violence Committee - a joint project with One Voice Texas, a collaboration effort by Health & Human Services and the Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.

I work with University of Houston Law Center with the advanced legal studies students with courtroom visits and class lectures.

I have participated the last 8 years with South Texas School of Law in their National Mock Trial events.

I have an intern program with Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

I take part in the International Police Exchange Program with the Houston Police Department that educates Police officers from around the world about the American court system.

04/1996 - 12/2010

Attorney

Law Office of John W. Clinton, Jr

I ran a private practice with 5 employees. I was still working as a Houston police officer at the time. I had to sign an agreement not to practice criminal law.

My primary practice was personal Injury and Family Law. I have had handled 1000+ of personal Injury cases and 100+ of family law cases. Participated in 100's of mediations.

I sat first chair on approximately 35 jury trial.

I closed the practice when I got elected in 2010.

01/1976 - 12/2007

Sergeant Detective

Houston Police Department Worked Patrol Division 1976 - 1981

Worked Vice Division 1981 - 1982

Promoted to Sergeant in 1982

Worked Robbery Division 1982 - 2005

Worked on the Dive and Recovery Team from 1977 - 1982

Certified TCLOSE instructor

Taught Robbery Investigation, Interview and Interrogation, and a family relation Course.

Worked with the FBI on Bank Robberies

Worked Organized Robbery groups as "Juggers", Service Merchandise jewelry Robberies, "Mickey Finn" drug robberies.

Worked and solved the Houston Police Officer Esten Howard Murder.

EDUCATION HISTORY

05/1992 University of Houston-Downtown

Criminal Justice and Corrections, Bachelor's Degree

I went to school at night while working full time at the Houston Police Department.

12/1995 Thurgood Marshall School Of Law

American/U.S. Law/Legal Studies/Jurisprudence, Doctoral Degree

I completed Law School in 2 1/2 years, going to school from 7:30 am - 5:00 pm. Then working at the Houston Police Robbery Division from 5:30 pm - 2:30 am.

08/1995 Thurgood Marshall School Of Law Mediation, Certification

I did Pro Bono Mediation for the Houston Police Department dispute resolution center, officer to officer grievances.