

Judge Curt B. Henderson

Senior State District Judge
219th Judicial District Court, Retired
Collin County, Texas

Judge Henderson has presided over thousands of cases, including more than 680 jury trials. In his 25 years as a trial judge, he has tried everything from mortgage fraud, securities fraud, contract disputes, medical malpractice, property rights, personal injury, construction disputes, family law, criminal law and many other types of cases.

Upon his retirement in 2010, the Collin County Commissioner's named the courthouse library the **Curt B. Henderson Law Library**, and in 2011, the local bar inaugurated the **Curt B. Henderson Inn of Court**, Collin County's affiliation with the American Inn of Courts system.

EDUCATION:

Texas A&M University, B.A. 1975

Baylor University School of Law, J.D. 1977

Admitted to **State Bar** with 9th highest grade, February, 1978

Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Criminal Law, 1982

COMMUNITY:

Prestonwood Baptist Church

Manager, Central Counting Precinct, 1981-1985
appointed by commissioners court

Substance Abuse Task Force, appointed by commissioners court, 1987-1988

Board of Directors, Practical Parent Education, Plano, 1994-1999, Honorary Board, 1999 - present

Advisory Board, C.A.S.A. of Collin County

Past Board of Directors, A&M Club of Collin County

Invited Speaker on Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Judicial and Technology issues:

- Texoma Regional Police

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND RECOGNITION:

- Judge, 219th Judicial District Court of State of Texas

- Elected to unexpired term, November, 1988
- Elected to full term, November, 1990
- Elected to full term, November, 1994
- Elected to full term, November, 1998
- Elected to full term, November, 2002
- Elected to full term, November, 2006

- Judge, County Court at Law of Collin County

- Appointed unanimously by Commissioner's Court, February, 1986.

- Elected to full term, November, 1986.

- Designated Presiding Judge, Probate Court and Mental Court, in addition to regular judicial duties, 1986-1988.

- Collin County Bail Bond Board, appointed by Presiding Judge, 1st Administrative Judicial Region; elected vice-chair, 1989-90

- Assistant Criminal District Attorney, Collin County, served in the following capacities from 1979 to 1986:

- Chief Felony Prosecutor
- Grand Jury Attorney
- Chief Misdemeanor Prosecutor
- Juvenile Prosecutor

- Board Certified Criminal Law Specialist by Texas Board of Legal Specialization, December 31, 1982 to Present

- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation, 1990 to present

- Fellow, Collin County Bench Bar Foundation, Founding Director and Judicial Chair, 1997-98; 1998-99; Trustees, 1999-2000;

- Academy
- Texas District and County Attorney's Association, Key Personnel Seminar, 1983 and 1984;
- In-service training for law enforcement
- Junior League of Plano
- Leadership Plano
- Leadership Frisco
- Collin County Mental Health Association
- Collin County Child Welfare-Foster Parents
- CASA of Collin County
- Collin County Bar Association
- Plano Bar Association
- St. Mary's Law School sponsored 'A View From The Bench' CLE
- Rape Crisis Center of Collin County training
- St. Mary's Law School sponsored Ethics CLE, Moderator, 2000
- Collin County Bench Bar Conference, 1997, 2000
- Dallas County Bar Association-Family Law Section, Technology
- State Bar Computer & Technology Section CLE
- Bench Bar Foundation sponsored Technology Workshop for Attorneys, 2000
- State Bar Leadership Conference, 2002 (Communications - Using Technology)
- State Bar Journal, January, 2003, *The Duty To Preserve Electronic Data*
- Conference Program Chair, 1996; 1st Recipient-Honorary Life Fellow, 1999
- **Computer & Technology Section Council, State Bar of Texas**, 1999-present; Vice-Chair 2001-2002; Chair 2002-2003
- **Appointed Judicial Liaison, Family Law Council, State Bar of Texas**, 1994-95
- **Collin County Bar Association**, Treasurer, 1983-84
- **Texas District and County Attorney's Association**, 1979-1986
- **National District Attorney's Association**, 1981-1986
- Special Crimes Conference, 1985
- **Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.**, Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas, 1986 to present
- **2000 Judge of the Year Nominee**, Texas C.A.S.A.
- **2001 Voice for Children Award, C.A.S.A. of Collin County**
- **2002 Equal Justice Award**, Legal Services of North Texas (now Legal Aid of Northwest Texas)
- **Mediation Program for the Judiciary**, Texas College of Advanced Judicial Studies, March 1993, American Academy of Attorney-Mediators, Inc.
- **Basic Training in Collaborative Practice**, November, 2004, Collaborative Law Institute and Chip Rose
- **40 Hour Mediation Training**, Phoenix, Arizona, November/December, 2004, American Bar Association, Judicial Division and Section of Dispute Resolution
- **2005 Atticus Finch Award**, Collin County Legal Aid of Northwest Texas
- **2008 - Lifetime Achievement in Technology Award** - State Bar of Texas, Computer & Technology Section