

## Jeff Weems

### Rairoad Commissioner

Jeff Weems is a named partner at the Houston litigation firm of Harrison, Bettis, Staff, McFarland & Weems, L.L.P. Jeff's practice centers on the energy industry; in fact, his whole life has centered on the oil and gas business.

Following in this tradition of his father and grandfathers, Jeff began working for energy service companies at every opportunity while in high school and college, which allowed him to pay for his education. Jeff worked on the rigs and as a drilling mud representative.

Born in Louisiana, Jeff grew up in Houma, Louisiana before moving to Houston during high school. Jeff attended Rice University and graduated with high honors from the University of Texas at Austin in 1983 with a B.B.A. in Petroleum Land Management.

After graduating, Jeff went to work for Shell Western E&P Inc. as a landman, taking leases throughout the United States and negotiating countless complex commercial transactions. Later, Jeff left Shell and worked as an independent landman. In 1987, he enrolled at the University of Texas School of Law.

In law school, Jeff was selected to be a member of the prestigious Texas Law Review. He graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in December 1989, completing his studies in only two and



one-half years.

Upon graduating, Jeff began working for Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon, a premier Texas firm. Jeff's practice focused almost exclusively on energy litigation. A few years after becoming a partner at what was by then known as Locke Liddell & Sapp, Jeff joined Harrison Bettis in 2000 as a partner, where he remains today. Jeff's practice, which involves the representation of operating companies, energy service companies, royalty and land owners, has grown more successful each year.

Jeff's recent article on royalty treatment for injected carbon dioxide, co-authored with his law partner Robert Boemer, was published by the Texas Journal of Oil, Gas and Energy Law. Jeff is a member of the State Bar of Texas Sections on Litigation and Oil, Gas and Mineral Law. He is rated AV by Martindale Hubbell, the highest rating given out by this preeminent rating organization.

Jeff is both a member and a speaker for the National Association of Royalty Owners. He is a member of the American Petroleum Institute. He is on the Board of Advisors for the Institute for Energy Law. Jeff is a Life member of the 100 Club, the group that benefits families of slain policemen and firefighters. He also is a life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, the organization that provides a huge portion of the funding for affordable legal services throughout Texas.

Jeff lives in Houston with his wife Dinah, and serves as the Democratic Precinct Chair for Precinct 274. They have 5 children – Matthew, Kent, Virginia, Heather, and Lindsay.

## Bill Moody

### Supreme Court, Place 5

As a District Judge who has tried over 500 felony and civil jury trials, Judge Bill Moody knows what it takes to dispense justice with integrity and efficiency – he's been doing it for over 23 years. He puts in long hours at the courthouse because he knows that justice delayed is justice denied – which is why he listens carefully to both sides of the case and treats everyone who walks into his courtroom with dignity and respect.

Bill worked his way through Texas Tech Law School and was a distinguished military graduate in college. He was then commissioned as an officer in the US Army, eventually being honorably discharged at the rank of Captain.

Bill has fought for justice his entire career, which began as an Assistant District Attorney and later as First Assistant District Attorney of El Paso. In his eleven years as a prosecutor, he tried over 100 felony jury trials, including 30 homicides. He also served on the State Ethics Commis-



sion, where he worked for greater integrity in Texas government. In 1986, Bill was appointed to the 34th District Court, to which he has been re-elected many times. As a District Judge, he has tried over 500 felony and civil jury trials, including capital murder cases. He was also appointed Presiding Judge of the Sixth Judicial Region of Texas by former Governor Ann Richards. For 6 years, he was presiding judge of the El Paso Council of Judges.

Judge Bill Moody's commitment to fairness and impartiality is legendary. State Senator Eliot Shapleigh of El Paso called Judge Moody, "very highly regarded and respected. He works well with a wide cross-section of the bar."

In addition to his dedication to justice, Bill has a keen interest in history and has assisted in producing historical novels. He and his wife of thirty-four years have four children and are members of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in El Paso where Judge Moody has been a lector for nearly 20 years.



## Jim Sharp

### Supreme Court, Place 3

Justice Jim Sharp was elected to the First Court of Appeals in November 2008. He previously practiced as a general solo practitioner for nineteen years, representing clients in a wide range of matters, encompassing probate, civil, criminal, juvenile, and family law. He litigated cases in trial courts across the state and prosecuted and defended appeals before the courts of appeals in Houston, Corpus Christi, and San Antonio, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and the Supreme Court of Texas.

Justice Sharp graduated from South Texas College of Law in Houston. While attending night classes at South Texas, he worked full-time as a law clerk for Reynolds, Allen & Cook; Butler & Binion; Fulbright & Jaworski; Hardy, Milutin, & Johns; and The Chaffin Law Firm.

An English and Government student at The University of Texas at Austin, he worked full-time for the Texas Legislature, serving on the House Calendar Clerk's staff, on the Senate Education Committee staff, and as administrative and legislative director to two state representatives.

Prior to attending law school, Justice Sharp worked for the Washington, D.C. political consulting firm of Matt Reese & Associates, where he planned and implemented U.S. Senate and gubernatorial campaigns for candidates from Alaska to New Hampshire. Thereafter, he served as public relations director for American Income Life Insurance Co. in New Mexico and Massachusetts and was a sales representative for Federal Envelope, a division of Champion International Company.

Commissioned in 1986 by Governor Mark White, Sharp has served as an Admiral of the Texas Navy for more than twenty-three years. He is also a member of the Naval Order of the United States and the Texas Navy Association; a member of the Board of Directors of HoustonWorks USA; a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas; a Preservation Council Steward of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; a donor to the Commit for Life program of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center; a member of the Irish Society of Houston; an Honorary Citizen of Father Flanagan's Boy's Town, Boy's Town, Nebraska; a Patron of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston; and a patron of Kenneally's.

Married to Susan Sharp, his wife of 20 years, Jim serves as a lector at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Houston.



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**Blake Bailey**  
**Supreme Court, Place 9**

I have been representing individuals for 37 years both in trial and on appeal. I am board certified in personal injury trial law and civil appellate law and a diplomate in the American Board of Trial Advocates. I have written several legal articles and lectured for law schools and professional organizations. Most recently I have been invited to lecture at Russian universities about American law.

Serving on the Supreme Court would allow me to use my experience for the purpose of addressing issues concerning our modern jurisprudence.

Recently, a professor from the University of Texas Law School published a study showing that common citizens like you or me win only 13% of the time against insurance companies and large corporations. This figure includes even nominal awards for individuals. You can read the entire study at [www.baileyforsupremecourt.com](http://www.baileyforsupremecourt.com). I do not want to be an anti-insurance judge—to the contrary. I want to fight for decisions that give all who come before the court to have an equal and fair consideration.

It is time for me to take advantage of the education and experience coming from my years of fighting for the rights of my clients. I want to be on the Supreme Court so that I can champion the goal of making decisions that fairly represent the rights of all parties.



**Keith Hampton**  
**Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6**

When elected, Keith Hampton will be the only judge on the Court who has handled death penalty cases in all stages of litigation – from accusation, trial, appeal and all post-conviction proceedings, including appearing before the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been named a Texas "Super-Lawyer" for nine consecutive years and has been repeatedly named as one of the Best Lawyers in America. In the 2010 Judicial Candidate bar poll, the lawyers of Texas who know this court and these candidates best overwhelmingly voted Keith Hampton the most qualified candidate for the Court of Criminal Appeals. A life-long Texas Democrat, Keith Hampton began his career at age 17, as the youngest precinct chairperson for the Texas Democratic Party. He earned his B.A. in government from the University of Texas and his law degree from St. Mary's School of Law. He is Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

For the last twenty years, Keith has defended the Texas Constitution and the Constitution of the United States in hundreds of criminal defense cases. As an active member of the criminal defense bar, a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and a member of the Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas, Keith has tirelessly worked for fairness, integrity and justice for all Texans. He has been a representative of the Texas Crimi-



nal Defense Lawyers Association for over 15 years, appearing before legislative committees as well as serving on the Ad Hoc Committee to Revise the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the Legislative Task Force for the Rewrite of the Incompetency and Insanity Statutes, and the Texas Supreme Court Jury Task Force. He has written and donated a book to all lawyers on criminal law, and co-authored two others. In 2008, he was bestowed the State Bar's "Lawyer of the Year" award.

Among many other activities in the field of criminal justice, Hampton has successfully worked for the creation of innocence clinics for indigent defendants who are falsely accused of crimes, diversion programs for veterans suffering from mental illness, and won life without parole as an alternative to death in capital cases on behalf of Texas juries. His goal is to improve the judiciary by offering his unique legal experience and perspective to the important work of the Court. "From the 'sleeping lawyer' case to the prosecution of its Presiding Judge for shutting the doors of justice," Hampton said, "I have long been concerned about the direction and future of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Rather than merely being a critic, I decided to offer my own experience and judgment to help the Court fulfill its central mission – to ensure justice for all Texans." Keith Hampton lives in Austin with his wife and daughter. To learn more about his candidacy and qualifications, please visit his website, [www.Hamptonforjudge.com](http://www.Hamptonforjudge.com).

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*"My experience comes from 17 years of helping children, families and senior citizens in the probate courts. I have had thousands of hearings and trials for families in crisis, bringing stability to lives unraveled by tragedy."*

**Barbara Scharf-Zeldes,**  
Candidate for Judge of Probate Court 2



**BARBARA SCHARF-ZELDES QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Certified Mediator
- In House Counsel for San Antonio Police Officers
- In House Counsel for San Antonio Firefighters
- Certified Attorney ad Litem & Guardian ad Litem
- Member, District Courts Committee
- Member, San Antonio Elder Law & Family Law Sections
- Advisory Council Member, The Patient Institute
- Certified Police Instructor, Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy, 1994
- Vice President, SA 100
- Vice Chair, San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind
- Board Trustee, Congregation Agudas Achim
- Director, Barshop Jewish Community Center, 2001-2002
- Admissions Committee Member, Rotary Club of San Antonio
- Doctor of Juris Prudence, St. Mary's University School of Law, 1993
- B.A., Brandeis University, American Studies, 1990

**BARBARA SCHARF-ZELDES ENDORSEMENTS:**

- Endorsed by U.S. Congressman Charlie Gonzales
- Endorsed by U.S. Congressman Ciro Rodriguez
- Endorsed by State Senator Leticia Van de Putte
- Endorsed by State Representative Joaquin Castro
- Endorsed by State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon
- Endorsed by State Representative Joe Farias
- Endorsed by State Representative Roland Gutierrez
- Endorsed by State Representative Trey Martinez Fisher
- Endorsed by State Representative Jose Menendez
- Endorsed by Bexar County District Clerk Margaret Montemayor
- Endorsed by Councilman Phil Cortez
- Endorsed by Councilwoman Mary Alice Cisneros
- Endorsed by Constable Robert "Mike" Blount
- Endorsed by Constable Val Flores
- Endorsed by the San Antonio Police Officers Association
- Endorsed by the San Antonio AFL-CIO Central Labor Council
- Endorsed by the Bexar County Probation Officers Association
- Endorsed by Bexar County Young Democrats
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## Michael Soto

### School Board of Education, District 3

I was born in Corpus Christi and raised in McAllen and Brownsville, where I attended public schools throughout my youth. I earned a scholarship to study at Stanford University (BA with honors) and later Harvard University (PhD). For the past eleven years, I have served on the faculty at Trinity University, where I am currently associate professor of English and director of the McNair Scholars Program. My wife, Celina Peña, and I are the proud parents of two boys: Alejo, a second grader in the San Antonio ISD, and newborn Américo, SAISD class of 2028. With your support, I'll bring my experience as an educator and my dedication as a public school dad to the Texas State Board of Education (SBOE).

The duties of the fifteen-member SBOE are critical to the future of Texas: setting academic standards for Texas public schools; approving textbooks for use by Texas students and teachers; and overseeing the investment of the Permanent School Fund, an endowment for purchasing schoolbooks. The current SBOE is woefully out of touch with the needs of the 4.8 million public school students that it serves, and too often it disregards the experience and insight of front-line educators and other education advocates. Unfortunately, a number of SBOE members



utilize their positions for politics rather than to advance the public school agenda. By politicizing curriculum and textbook decisions in needlessly crass ways, and by placing the Permanent School Fund in jeopardy just to make political hay, the current SBOE has become distracted from the important business of preparing children for success in college and in their careers. Enough is enough.

But I'm genuinely hopeful that with the right leadership, the SBOE might once again pay close attention to the real needs of schools and school districts, and that Texas might emerge as a leader in key areas such as dropout prevention and math and science education.

My vision for the State Board of Education and Texas public schools rests on four pillars: 1) relying on educational experts, not on partisan ideologues, in developing school policies; 2) listening to teachers and other front-line educators when adopting new standards and textbooks; 3) restoring public trust in how Texas manages its Permanent School Fund; and 4) preparing Texas schools for a longer school year and the highest academic standards in the nation.

Texas kids and schools deserve better from the SBOE. I hope you'll visit my website-[www.michael-soto.org](http://www.michael-soto.org)-to learn more about how you can help put Texas kids first.

## Rebecca Bell-Metereau

### School Board of Education, District 5

Voters need to understand what is happening on the Texas State Board of Education. Extremists on the board are making bad decisions on curriculum and investments of the \$22 billion Permanent School Fund, and we must stop this. As a professor of English and film at Texas State University, I see the results of our educational system firsthand. I am running for the State Board of Education in District 5 against incumbent Ken Mercer to bring common sense, ethics, and fiscal responsibility to the board. We must listen to teachers and experts and take politics out of the classroom, preparing our students for a 21st century jobs and education.

Extremist members of the elected, non-paid State Board of Education have hijacked textbook selection and curriculum requirements for future generations of Texas school children, censoring the information they receive. The board has made hundreds of revisions, eliminating any references to the word "democracy" until the high school level, referring to the United States instead as a "representative republic" throughout the document. I have no objection to the phrase "representative republic," but I have a big objection to systematic censorship of the word "democracy."

In considering the English curriculum, conservatives on the board threw out months of review committee work on the night before the final vote, substituting a hastily crafted new curriculum that reduced the number of women and minority authors. Conservatives were able



to pass these last-minute changes, a move that prompted protests from board and audience members. Right-wing incumbent Ken Mercer later bragged in a San Antonio Express editorial that the teachers had received a "well deserved spanking." This kind of disrespect for teachers and education must stop. As concerned citizens, we must resist extreme partisan efforts to rewrite history, weaken the curriculum, and brainwash our children.

My background as a Peace Corps teacher, Fulbright scholar, visiting professor at University of Nebraska, and professor at Texas State University since 1981, has prepared me to serve on the State Board of Education. Experience on Planning and Zoning, Solid Waste, and Blue Ribbon Bond commissions in San Marcos has trained me to work effectively on a volunteer board. I led a team coordinating public schools and the president's cabinet at Texas State University to improve college readiness and smooth the transition from high school to college. We improved our retention of freshman students to sophomore level from 68% to 79% over the last decade.

We need experienced educators to repair the damage caused by the current board. It's not too late to fix the curriculum and select good textbooks, but we must act now to remove political and ideological extremists. As a State Board member, I will respect teachers, researchers, parents, students, and local school boards. I will oversee management of the Permanent School Fund ethically, economically, and without any conflict of interest. We will return the Texas State Board of Education to its proper mission of educating students for the 21st century.

## Carlos Uresti

### State Senate, District 19

Sen. Carlos Uresti, seeking his second term representing Senate District 19, has emerged as a true champion for Texas children, veterans and the elderly during his 13 years in the Texas Legislature.

The recipient of five Legislator of the Year awards for his efforts to combat child abuse, Sen. Uresti is the founder of the Bexar County Blue Ribbon Task Force, created to raise public awareness about child abuse following the Christmas Day 2003 starvation death of Jovonie Ochoa. In the last session of the Legislature, Sen. Uresti created a statewide Blue Ribbon Task Force to explore new child abuse prevention strategies, and he authored a law that requires the Department of Family and Protective Services to develop new requirements and guidelines for the speedy disclosure of information related to child fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect.

Born on the West Side of San Antonio and raised on the South Side, Sen. Uresti graduated from McCollum High School, served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and obtained a BA in political science and a law degree from St. Mary's University. He has two sons, Michael and Carlos, Jr., and a grandson, Benjamin Michael, born July 22, 2008.

Sen. Uresti has risen to a position of leadership in the Texas Senate, where he is vice chairman of the Administration Committee and the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and serves on the Health and Human Services, Natural Resources and Jurisprudence committees. He was recently selected by his colleagues to serve as chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus.

Raised with seven siblings, Sen. Uresti knows the importance of strong families, and he is seeking another term in the Senate to fight for issues and programs that allow families to thrive. The success of individual families, measured by their access to good jobs and living wages, health care, and educational opportunities, should be the Legislature's only gauge of its own success. Indeed, Sen. Uresti believes the success of families is the measure of our greatness as a nation.

The next session of the Legislature is going to be immensely important, and challenging. Lawmakers must make up a budget shortfall of \$18 billion without abandoning their commitment to public education, public health and public safety. The Legislature must do everything it can to ensure that families do more than just get by. Every Texan should have the opportunity to live a productive, fulfilling life and create something of value for the next generation.



**Trey Martinez Fischer**  
**State Representative, District 116**

A champion for the hard working families of District 116, in the heart of San Antonio, State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer is in his fifth term in the Texas House of Representatives. Rep. Martinez Fischer is the Chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, the oldest and largest Latino Caucus in the Country.



He is the Vice Chairman of the Insurance Committee and also serves on the Natural Resources Committee and Local and Consent Calendars Committee and the Select Committee on Federal Legislation.

Under his leadership MALC was called the "body to watch" by The Economist. He has also been covered by the Associated Press, statewide publications,

major newspapers, MSNBC and even ESPN.

Recognizing his leadership within the Latino community, Rep. Martinez Fischer is a frequent invitee to the White House—attending a reception honoring Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor and, most recently, to the annual White House Easter Egg Roll.

Rep. Martinez Fischer attended St. Luke's Catholic School and graduated from Oliver Wendell Holmes High School, which inducted him into its Hall of Fame. In 1993, he earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of Texas at San Antonio. In 1994, Rep. Martinez Fischer was selected to study as a National Urban Fellow earning him a Master's of Public Administration from the Baruch College of Public Affairs. In 1998, he earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas School of Law.

Rep. Martinez Fischer is a practicing attorney in San Antonio and is married to San Antonio attorney Elizabeth Provencio and the proud parent of Francesca Maria Provencio Fischer and Camilla Marie Provencio Fischer.

**Joe Farias**  
**State Representative, District 118**



A lifelong resident of House District 118, Joe Farias has a proven record of service to his community and his country. When Joe returned from military service, he went straight to work at City Public Service, San Antonio's local public utility, working his way up from a novice machinist to implementing and supervising CPS' technical training section. After 32 years, Joe retired from CPS in 2003.

Over the past 38 years, Joe has served his community in a variety of ways including serving on the Harlandale ISD School Board and the San Antonio Zoning Commission, Joe strongly believes in giving back to the community that has given him so much. As a school board member, Joe stood up time after time for our children, teachers, and the classrooms where they learn and teach. Joe took the tough votes and always put our children first. Joe worked hard to make sure that Harlandale's budget was spent wisely and not wastefully. Joe demanded accountability, and he fought to ensure all kids receive a quality education, especially those with special education needs, even as Harlandale struggled with scandal.

Joe's first term as a Texas State Representative was distinguished by his fight on behalf of working families. Joe fought for bipartisan legislation that would cap the interest rates of predatory payday loans for members of the Armed Forces and their families. Joe introduced legislation that would reverse the harsh cuts to the CHIP program from 2003. Language from that bill was incorporated into the successful bipartisan bill that has put over 150,000 more kids on the CHIP rolls. Joe passed a bill that would study how Texas can better implement a wildly successful program that brings down juvenile crime. In recognition of his hard work during his first term, Joe's colleagues in the Mexican American Legislative Caucus voted him Freshman of the Year.

During his second legislative session, Joe continued his work fighting predatory lending by leading a coalition of fellow House members and consumer rights advocates in an effort to regulate the payday lending industry in Texas. He passed legislation that will inform the 25% of working Texas families who fail to claim their federal Earned Income Tax Credit that they may qualify to receive nearly \$5,000 in entitled assistance. With the help of the Texas Veterans Caucus which he created and chaired, Joe was able to expand benefits offered under the Hazelwood Act - the waiver of college tuition - to spouses of veterans who were killed in action, or who are completely disabled because of a service-connected injury. Finally, Joe was a leader in the legislative effort to recognize Texas A&M University - San Antonio as a standalone campus, and helped it secure \$40,000,000 for the construction of its first building.

Today, our families face many problems, including job loss, high mortgage rates, and foreclosures. More than ever, our citizens need a proven leader with a strong voice in the Texas House of Representatives to continue fighting every day for Texas House District 118. Joe will continue to seek support for his re-election to the Texas House of Representatives and work hard to continue representing the needs of House District 118.

**David McQuade Leibowitz**  
**State Representative, District 117**

State Representative David McQuade Leibowitz is running for re-election to the Texas House of Representatives. Representative Leibowitz completed his third legislative session last year serving the residents of District 117.



"It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your state representative and I am humbly asking the voters of Bexar County for their continued support," Representative Leibowitz said. "I hope that the voters continue to put their trust in me, and I will continue to provide the voters of Bexar County with independent, progressive leadership in the House."

Rep. Leibowitz has been a strong Democratic voice for the working families of Bexar County, tackling such issues as tougher penalties for graffiti, opposing toll roads and the Trans-Texas Corridor, and protecting homeowners from high property tax and insurance bills. During the 81st Legislative Session in 2009, Rep. Leibowitz passed bills and authored language that included improved prescription labeling, toughened penalties for the offense of graffiti, changes to make it easier to collect child support from deadbeat dads in prison, and protected small athletics businesses from government regulation.

He has been honored for his work in the Legislature. The non-partisan publication, Capitol Inside, named him Freshman of the Year in 2005 and an Honorable Mention on their Best Legislator list in 2009. Texas Watch, an insurance reform organization, named Rep. Leibowitz to its Legislative Honor Roll last year for fighting to make sure consumers, patients, and small business owners are on a level playing field with the insurance companies and

corporate special interests. He was also honored by The Wind Coalition as an Outstanding Supporter of the wind energy industry.

Rep. Leibowitz will return to Austin in 2011 with the goal of protecting the families of Texas from failed Republican leadership which leadership ordered state agencies to submit proposals to cut services. The proposed cuts reveal what continued Republican leadership will mean for this state: 24,000 fewer Texas Grants for college students, eliminating 84% of child abuse prevention and early intervention, cutting mental health services for 2,000 children, cuts to EMS trauma care and childhood immunizations. Rep. Leibowitz is committed to balancing the budget with common sense decision-making; closing tax loopholes used by corporations and special interests and cutting wasteful spending like the \$10,000 a month mansion rental for the Governor.

Rep. Leibowitz will be authoring legislation that represents the ideals of the Democratic Party. He will offer legislation to put limits on insurance companies that are increasing their rates while cutting coverage. He will author bills to protect homeowners from out-of-control homeowners associations that foreclose on homeowners for small fines with no judicial recourse. Rep. Leibowitz will continue to be an environmental leader offering bills to protect the Edwards Aquifer and encourage recycling of old televisions.

"My priorities will continue to be fighting for the working families of Bexar County and making our communities stronger, safer and more prosperous," Rep. Leibowitz said. "This includes working to improve and expand educational opportunities for our children, increasing access to affordable, quality health care, keeping our streets safe, and fighting tax increases on our families whether by tax or toll."

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- Judicial poll results have consistently voted him one of the best judges in Bexar County
- Endorsed by law enforcement for his leadership, integrity and commitment to this community

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## ENDORSEMENTS



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