# RESUME OF MARGARET MEECE

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## **EDUCATION**

Grayson County College, Denison, Texas Associates Degree, Legal Assistant Division 1985

Austin College, Sherman, Texas Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration 1987

Baylor University School of Law, Waco, Texas Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1989

Speak some (not fluent) Spanish

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

Meece & Associates, 1993-present 1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 605 Bryan, Texas 77802 (979) 846-9608 No Supervisor.

Founding partner. Handle complex civil litigation and criminal matters in State and Federal trial and appellate courts in matters dealing with state law, federal law, and constitutional law. In 1993, obtained contract with FDIC to handle complex civil litigation resulting from Bank and Savings and Loan failures. Examples of practice areas: family law; criminal law; juvenile law; bail bond issues; estate planning and probate; real estate; eminent domain/condemnation; annexation; water rights involving public and private usage/damages; tax law; premise/product liability; construction law; easements and rights of way involving new developments infrastructure; environmental and repair of issues: employment/discrimination/harassment disputes; legal issues involving homeowner's associations and deed restrictions; homestead law; corporate formation; malpractice cases; perform legal research; draft pleadings, discovery, motions, and briefs in litigation and appeal; represent debtors and creditors in bankruptcy matters; draft contracts, employment policies and procedures, and other documents for clients not in litigation or in settlement of litigation.

Brazos County, Texas, 2003-2006 300 East 26<sup>th</sup> Street Bryan, Texas 77803

No Supervisor; however, Chief Administrative Officer for Brazos County is:

Dwayne Peters, County Judge (979) 361-4102

Justice of the Peace. Elected Official. Preside over civil and criminal matters within jurisdiction of court; Inmate magistration; Emergency mental hearings; and Inquests. In 2005, I handled 82% of all emergency mental hearings and 60% of all inquests in Brazos County. I worked with the District Attorney, Purchasing, and other departments when the County was entering into a new Coroner's Contract. Responsible for administration and budget of department, supervision of employees, issue arrest and search warrants, and management of court docket.

City of College Station, Texas, 1998-2003 College Station Municipal Court 300 Krenek Tap Road College Station, Texas 77840

Supervisor: Honorable W.A. "Tripp" Walter, Presiding Judge, Retired

Appointed. Associate City Judge. Preside over municipal court cases, manage large docket as this Court hears more than 45,000 cases per year, magistrate prisoners, issue warrants when sitting Judge is not present.

Justice Court Training Center, 2001-2002 701 Brazos Suite 710 Austin, TX 78701 1-800-687-8528 or 512-347-9927

Supervisor: Kenneth Miller (deceased), Program Coordinator: Justice of the Peace

Faculty. Taught tort, contract, and administrative law, and taught course in dealing with pro se litigants and lawyers to Justices of the Peace.

West, Webb, Allbritton & Gentry, P.C., 1989-1993 1515 Emerald Parkway College Station, Texas 77840 (979) 694-7000 Supervisor: John C. Hampton

Advise clients in civil and criminal matters, handle complex civil and criminal litigation in State and Federal court. Handled litigation in Federal Court for FDIC. Created and supervised Family Law practice for the Firm.

#### ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

All State District, County, and Appellate Courts of Texas

United States District Courts, Southern, Northern, and Eastern Districts of Texas

(in 1993, argued via *pro hoc vice* before the United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit;

In 2000, assisted in preparation of brief to the United States Supreme Court on Constitutional issues)

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Brazos County Civil Legal Aid Referral, Inc., Bryan, Texas 1991-present

Board Member. Determine policy of organization and compliance review.

Volunteer, Handle civil litigation for referred clients.

College Station Teen Court, 1998-2003

Volunteer. Served as volunteer judge, presiding over Teen Court cases. Referred cases from College Station Municipal Court to Teen Court.

Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center, 1993-2006

Volunteer. Fundraising events.

Board Member. Determine policy of organization and compliance review.

American Cancer Society, 1996-2008

Volunteer.

Brazos Valley Christmas Parade, 1993-present

Judges Chairman

American Business Women's Association, Women of Excellence Chapter, 2009 – present

Charter Member, Secretary 2009. Provide leadership opportunities, professional development, reciprocal business opportunities, and assistance to the community through member service.