

★★★ Judge Jeff Brown ★★★

Judge Jeff Brown was appointed to the 55th District Court in Harris County by Governor Rick Perry in December, 2001, won an opposed election to that bench in November, 2002, and an unopposed re-election in 2006. Before taking the bench, Judge Brown practiced at Baker Botts, trying jury cases in seven counties throughout Southeast Texas. Before joining Baker Botts, Jeff served as a briefing attorney to Justices Jack Hightower and Greg Abbott on the Texas Supreme Court.

Jeff earned his bachelor's degree in English from the University of Texas and his law degree with high honors from the University of Houston. He was Chief Note & Comment Editor of the Houston Law Review and finished in the top tenth of his law class.

In 2006, the Texas Young Lawyers Association named Jeff Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas and the Houston Young Lawyers Association named him the Woodrow B. Seals Outstanding Young Lawyer of Houston. Jeff has been active in state and local bar activities, including service as judicial liaison to the Houston Young Lawyers Association, chairman of HYLA's Non-Profit Law Committee, and as vice-chairman of the Texas Young Lawyers Association's National Trial Competition. He is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, the Houston Bar Foundation, and the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation. He is also a co-chairman of the Houston Bar Association's John J. Eikenburg Law Week Fun Run Committee and serves on the boards of directors of the Houston Law Review, the University of Houston Law Alumni Association, and the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

An Eagle Scout, Jeff served as a member of the Sam Houston Area Boy Scouts' Urban Scouting Committee, a program dedicated to bringing Scouting's values to inner-city young men. He is currently Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 455 in Southwest Houston, and has coached baseball, soccer, and flag-football. He was vice-president of the board of directors of the Christian Community Service Center, a coalition of Southwest Houston churches providing assistance to the poor. He also volunteered for Operation Compassion, serving food to Katrina evacuees at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

Jeff is an adjunct professor at the University of Houston Law Center and a member of the State Bar of Texas' Pattern Jury Charge Committee. He also serves on the editorial board of the *The Advocate*, the journal of the State Bar of Texas' Litigation Section. He is board-certified in Civil Trial Law and has consistently been among the highest ranked civil district judges in the Houston Bar Association's Judicial Evaluation Poll.

The son of a longtime police veteran, Jeff was named Civil District Court Judge of the Year by the Houston Police Officers Union in 2002 and by P.O.L.I.C.E., Inc., ("Peace Officers Looking Into Courthouse Excellence") in 2003. Jeff is a sixth-generation native Texan. He and his wife, Susannah, a schoolteacher, live in Southwest Houston with their three children, Kathleen, Rob and Gus. They are active members of Bellaire United Methodist Church.