

Judge Ray Wheless

Professional Experience

Regional Presiding Judge, First Administrative Judicial Region of Texas (2018 to present) (Appointed by Governor Greg Abbott in 2018 and 2022). Providing administrative support to over one hundred judges in Dallas County and six surrounding counties

Certified Mediator

Judge, 366th District Court, Collin County, Texas — McKinney, Texas (Appointed by Governor Rick Perry 2009 to present)

- Presiding over civil, family and felony criminal cases.

Judge, County Court at Law No. 4, Collin County, Texas - McKinney, Texas (Appointed by Collin County Republican Party (2000—2009).

- Presiding over civil and misdemeanor criminal cases.

Associate Probate Judge, Collin County 2023 to present

Attorney at Law — Wheless & Walker - Plano, Texas (1986—2000).

General practice of law with an emphasis on civil trial law and criminal law

Attorney at Law — Law Offices of Raymond G. Wheless - Plano, Texas (1980-1986). ●

General practice of law.

Assistant City Attorney, City of Plano, Texas (Municipal Prosecutor) (1981-1984)

Texas House of Representatives — Austin, Texas (1977-1979). ●

Clerk and Legislative Aide

Accomplishments

- Licensed to practice in Texas and Alaska (inactive)
- Board Certified in Criminal Law (2016), Civil Trial Law (1990) and Personal Injury Trial Law (1989)
- Chairman, Texas Specialized Courts Advisory Council to Governor Rick Perry and Governor Greg Abbott (2012 to 2018)
- President, Texas Association of Specialty Courts (2013 to 2018)
- Appointed Member, Texas Parental Rights Advisory Panel (2012), by Governor Rick Perry
- Appointed Public Member, Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners by Governor Bill Clements (1988-1994).
- Texas Center for the Judiciary DWI Curriculum Committee (2007 to 2010)
- President, Collin County Bar Association (1987)

- President, Plano Bar Association (1984)
- President, Plano Metro Rotary Club (1984 to 1987)
- Vice-Chairman, Collin County Republican Party (1998 to 2000)
- Local Administrative Judge, Collin County Courts at Law (2009). Established Collin County's first Misdemeanor DWI/Drug Court Program in 2005.
- Established Collin County's first Felony DWI/Drug Court Program in 2009.

Military Experience

United States Air Force — Honorably Discharged, Staff Sergeant (E-5) (1971-1975) (flight mechanic)

Education

J.D., University of Texas at Austin (1979).
 BBA, (Major in Management) California State University, San Bernardino, CA 1976
 Completed basic forty hour mediation training with Central Texas Dispute Resolution

Personal

- Sixth generation Texan, born in Abilene, Texas.
- Married to Judge Cynthia McCrann Wheless, a Governor Rick Perry appointee, for almost 37 years. Two children, Ryan 30, Dylan 27.

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