



Hon. Terry Jennings

Profession

Independent Arbitrator, Mediator, and Consultant on Complex Texas Civil Appellate Cases.

Work History

Terry Jennings - ADR (Houston), Arbitrator, Mediator, Consultant on Complex Texas Civil Appellate Cases, 2019 - present; Senior Judge (appellate and trial), Texas, 2019 to present; Justice, First Court of Appeals, Texas, 2001- 2018; Harris County Assistant District Attorney (Houston), 1990 - 2000; Litigation Associate, Alexander & McEvily, 1989 - 1990; Law Clerk and Litigation Associate, Young & Hampton, 1987 - 1989.

Experience

As a state intermediate appellate court justice for 18 years, authored over 1,200 opinions on the merits on one of the busiest courts of appeals in the United States. Also, in working on three-judge panels, joined and participated in the writing of thousands of other reasoned opinions resolving thousands of other cases. Resolved multiple civil disputes with amounts in controversy of several million dollars, including one dispute concerning a jury award of over \$60 million. Extensive experience in construing statutes and complex contracts, deciding evidentiary and procedural issues, and evaluating the legal and factual sufficiency of evidence.

Civil cases involved a broad range of sophisticated and complex disputes and issues arising under the United States and Texas Constitutions and federal and state law, including: arbitration (arbitrability, compelling arbitration, Federal Arbitration Act, and Texas Arbitration Act), admiralty and maritime law (Jones Act), business organizations and corporate law, commercial and banking disputes, construction, contracts, domestic and family relations, eminent domain, employment and discrimination, fiduciary relationships and duties, First Amendment, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, fraud, general business, health care, indemnity and subrogation, insurance coverage, intellectual property rights, negligence, non-compete agreements, oil and gas royalties, pension, personal injury, piercing the corporate veil, pipeline, products liability, professional and medical malpractice, punitive damages, real estate, securities, shareholder actions, tax, theft of trade secrets, tortious interference with contracts, wills and trusts, and wrongful death. Litigants included persons and entities in the fields and industries of: Agriculture, Architecture, Banking and Financial Services, Construction, Education, Energy (Electric, Natural Gas, and Oil), Environmental, Healthcare, Insurance, Legal Services, Manufacturing, Media, Pharmaceuticals, Real Estate, Taxation, Technology, and Transportation.

As an Assistant District Attorney for over 10 years, prosecuted over 1,000 criminal cases and tried over 100 cases to verdict. In the Trial Bureau, prosecuted everything from misdemeanor to murder cases. In the Major Fraud Unit of the Special Crimes Bureau, prosecuted white-collar crime cases, including aggregate

theft, breach of computer security, embezzlement, fraud, insurance fraud, intellectual property crimes, misappropriation of property, money laundering, and organized crime. Extensive experience in preparing for and trying cases, assessing the strength and weaknesses of cases, testing and judging the credibility of witnesses, and evaluating financial forensic evidence.

**Alternative Dispute
Resolution Training**

Certified Mediator, 40-Hour Mediation Training, Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution, South Texas College of Law Houston, 2019; AAA ACE 19 Case Finances: What Arbitrators Need to Know, 2019; A Practical Guide To The Consumer Arbitration Process, 2019; AAA Arbitration Fundamentals and Best Practices for New AAA Arbitrators, 2018; AAA Arbitration Awards - Safeguarding, Deciding, and Writing Awards (ADS01), 2018; Certificate in Advanced Arbitration Skills, Commercial Arbitration (International and Domestic), A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center, University of Houston Law Center, 2018; Houston Bar Association, Annual Conference on ADR, 2018.

Professional Licenses

Admitted to the Bar, Texas, 1988; Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2009; United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, 1989.

**Professional
Associations**

Texas Bar Association (ADR and Appellate Sections); Houston Bar Association (ADR and Appellate Sections); Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists; Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation.

Education

University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 1988 (Associate Editor, Houston Law Review; Outstanding Law Review Candidate of 1987); University of Texas at Austin, B.A. in Government, 1982.

Awards and Honors

Appellate Judge of the Year, Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists (all members Board Certified in Civil Trial or Civil Appellate Law), 2009 and 2018.

Public Sector Achievement Award, University of Houston Law Alumni Association, 2016.

Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee, "served with distinction" 2003 to 2014 (Texas Rules of Evidence and Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure Subcommittees).

Elected a Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation, 2013.

"Houston's Best Appellate Judge," Houston Press, 2011.

NASA Award for first successful prosecution of Breach of Computer Security at Johnson Space Center, 1999.

**Citizenship
Languages
Locale**

United States of America

English

Kingwood, Texas, United States of America