

170th District Court Judge



Gina Long

Gina Long's life is grounded in service: to her family, her faith, and her community. She and her husband, Chet, a U.S. Marine Corps combat veteran, an 18-year law enforcement professional, and a Commander at a local police department, make their home in McLennan County, where they are raising two children and serving alongside their congregation at Highland Baptist Church.

In her free time, Gina focuses on making McLennan County stronger. She is the board Secretary at the Dr Pepper Museum, volunteers with Isaiah 117 House, and supports foster care through Arrow Child & Family Ministries. Gina and Chet also have personally experienced the foster and adoption process with the adoption of their son after 20 months of foster care. She has led local efforts through Habitat for Humanity, served as a mock trial coach for students, and now supports her children's school as PTO vice president.

Professionally, Gina brings deep courtroom experience and a passion for justice. As a civil litigator with Harrison Davis Morrison Jones P.C., she manages cases from intake through appeal, including jury trials in the 170th District Court. Her earlier service as an Assistant Criminal District Attorney included more than 45 jury trials and oversight of hundreds of felony cases. She also shares her knowledge as an adjunct professor at Baylor University, teaching criminal law.

The 170th District Court has general jurisdiction including jurisdiction over criminal felony case, civil cases, especially those with mountain controversy over \$200,000, juvenile matters, and family law cases like divorce. Gina's extensive experience across criminal and civil law is of upmost importance to her ability to serve in the role of 170th District Court Judge.

Gina combines legal experience with compassion and community roots to serve McLennan County at every turn and looks forward to the opportunity to put service back into the core of public office.



Barrett Thomas

Barrett "Bear" Thomas is a fifth-generation Texan, former police officer, prosecutor, and current family lawyer with conservative, faith-driven roots. He is running to ensure McLennan County has at least one judge with family law experience—a field that accounts for just under 50% of the civil docket.

Barrett founded Lighthouse Legal Services, PLLC (www.llslaw.com), which represents parents in family law cases, but he now spends the majority of his time as a mediator and manager of Christian Family Law Solutions, LLC (www.1c6.law). This firm focuses on helping families resolve legal disputes privately and amicably, with the primary goal of keeping children out of courtrooms and avoiding the emotional trauma that often results.

His extensive educational background includes a law degree from the Texas Tech University School of Law, a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Tarleton State University, and a Bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University. Additionally, he holds a Master Peace Officer and Instructor's Certification from TCOLE and is currently pursuing a Master's in Marriage and Family Counseling at Texas Wesleyan University.

Barrett is an active member of Austin Avenue Methodist Church, a board member for Mission Waco and the Arc of McLennan County, a member of the Texas Bar Foundation, and the former President of the Texas Young Lawyers Association. He is married to Charla Thomas, Deputy City Attorney for the City of Temple. They have four children and two fur-babies. Barrett's sons are grown, but his two daughters attend Midway I.S.D.

More information can be found at barrett4judge.com/about