



Judge Jeff Brown serves as United States District Judge in the Galveston Division of the Southern District of Texas. He previously served six years each as a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas, a justice on the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, and judge of the 55th District Court.

Jeff received a B.A. in English from the University of Texas at Austin and his law degree, *magna cum laude*, from the University of Houston. He then clerked for two justices on the Texas Supreme Court, Jack Hightower and Greg

Abbott, before practicing at Baker Botts in Houston. He is board-certified in civil trial law.

Jeff was named Outstanding Young Lawyer of Texas by the Texas Young Lawyers Association in 2006 and Appellate Judge of the Year by the Texas Association of Civil Trial & Appellate Specialists in 2011. He is co-editor of the *Texas Rules of Evidence Handbook*, an 1100-page treatise published by Thomson-Reuters.

While serving on the court of appeals, Jeff also volunteered every Monday afternoon as a judge for Harris County's STAR Drug Court ("Success Through Addiction Recovery"). STAR is a program for non-violent felony offenders who suffer from drug addiction. Through a combination of intensive drug treatment, community supervision, and accountability to the courts, STAR turns drug-addicted offenders into productive citizens.

An elected member of the American Law Institute, Jeff is an adviser for the *Restatement of the Law Third, Conflicts of Laws*. He serves on the boards of the *Houston Law Review*, the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, and the UH Law Foundation. Jeff has taught trial skills at the University of Houston Law Center and constitutional law at the National Judicial College. He is also on the editorial board of *The Advocate*, the quarterly journal of the State Bar of Texas' Litigation Section.

An Eagle Scout and longtime volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America, Jeff received the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award in 2016 from the National Eagle Scout Association.

Jeff and his wife, Susannah, live in a historic home on Galveston Island with Violet, their elderly Great Pyrenees. They have three grown children—Kathleen, Rob, and Gus.

