

Billy Ray Stubblefield, Presiding Judge of the Third Administrative Judicial Region, is the product of four pioneer Williamson County families. He is a proud sixth generation Texan. His maternal ancestors include three grandfathers who arrived on the Mayflower and founded the Massachusetts colony at Plymouth. Their descendants settled Vermont and migrated to Troy, Missouri. They then came to Texas with the Austin Colony in the 1820s and fought in the War for Independence from Mexico and the Civil War. His paternal forebears arrived in Virginia in the mid seventeenth century and went on to fight in the French and Indian War, the American Revolutionary War. His great, great, great, great grandfather was with General Washington at Yorktown. Other lineal ancestors fought in the Mexican War of 1846-48 and arrived in Williamson County, Texas, in late 1869 or 1870.

Judge Stubblefield obtained his public education from Georgetown I.S.D. and received his undergraduate degree from Southwestern University, where he majored in history, received the Southwestern Scholar designation, and was awarded a teaching certificate. After teaching history in high school in San Antonio for two years, he went to the University of Texas Law School where he received a Juris Doctorate. While there he was a member of Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. He was licensed to practice law in 1976.

He was elected to four consecutive four-year terms as County Attorney from 1977 to 1992 (serving longer than any County Attorney in Williamson County's history). In November of 1992, he was elected to the bench and sworn in as judge of the 26th District Court on January 1, 1993. He was thereafter elected without opposition five more times. He retired from the elected bench in October of 2014.

As District Judge, he heard civil cases without limit to the amount of dispute, felony adult cases, and heard family law matters and juvenile cases of all classes. In 2000, Judge Stubblefield was elected by his colleagues to serve as Local Administrative Judge and resigned from that position in February 2010 so that he could assume the duties of Presiding Judge of the Third Administrative Judicial Region, a position to which he was appointed by then-Governor Rick Perry. He was re-appointed by Governor Perry in 2014. Subsequently, he was appointed to a third term by Governor Greg Abbott. He is the Presiding Judge of the Third Region, which covers 27 counties with an area the size of West Virginia containing approximately 3.5 million residents. It covers all of Central Texas.

Judge Stubblefield is a member of the Georgetown Rotary Club (Past President), a founding member and former Board member of the Williamson County Law Enforcement Association, founding and former member of the Board of Directors of the Williamson County Crisis Center (now Hope Alliance) and has been a long-time domestic violence prevention advocate. More recently he has served on the founding Board of Directors of the Georgetown Project, a child advocacy organization, serving as Chair for one year. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Palace Theater in Georgetown. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Philharmonic, the Williamson Museum, and the Veterans' Suicide Prevention Channel. The judge co-chaired the Williamson County Sesquicentennial Committee from 1997 to 1999. He was a founder of the Civil Section of the Texas District and County Attorneys' Association. He is an active member of the Williamson County Bar Association and the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas. He is licensed to practice in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court. The judge was inducted as a Fellow of the College of the State Bar in January of 1996.

Judge Stubblefield is married to Neta, his wife since August 20, 1977, and pursues interests in old cars, sailing, horseback expeditions, cowboy action shooting, photography, travel and history.