

JUDGE STEPHEN B. ABLES

*Retired Judge of the 216th District Court of Texas since January 1, 1989.
(Kerr, Kendall, Gillespie and Bandera Counties)*

*Presiding Judge of the Sixth Judicial Administrative Region of Texas
(24 Counties)*

Appointed by Governor Bush in 1995 and Re-appointed in 2000 & 2005 & 2009 & 2014 & 2018

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

DOB: 9/29/48

Graduated from Ennis High School in Ennis, Texas - 1967

Attended United States Military Academy - 1967-68

Baylor University - 1968-71. English Literature Major

Graduated from Baylor Law School - 1973

FAMILY INFORMATION:

*Spouse: Lynda Flenniken Ables
Director of Choral Music
First United Methodist Church from 1977 to 2009 - Presently Director
Kerrville, Texas Emeritus*

*Children: David
Harvard University Graduate Magna Cum Laude - Engineering
"Teach for America" Corp Volunteer 2000 - 2001
Masters from MIT
Partner in Engineering Firm "Pressure Profiles"*

*Matthew
Baylor University Graduate
Masters from Texas State University
Hydrogeologist and Vice President of Kisters Corp. North America*

*Mollie
Baylor University Graduate (Summa Cum Laude)
Music Major - emphasis, violin
Masters University of Texas, Austin Musicology
Phd University of Indiana
Professor at Wabash University*

HONORS AND AWARDS:

*Selected Outstanding Criminal Judge in the State of Texas by the
Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas for the year 2000-01*

Along with wife, named Kerrville Citizens of the Year 2002

Named Outstanding Young Alumnus of Baylor University in 1989

Along with Spouse, selected as the Baylor University Outstanding Parents of the Year for 1999-2000

Masonic Lodge Community Builder Award - 1992

American Legion Community Service Award - 1993

Sons of the American Revolution Outstanding Citizen Award - 2001 & 2005

JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES:

Chairman of the Regional Presiding Judges of Texas - 2009 to Present

Elected Chairman of Texas Judiciary - 2002-2003

Dean of the Texas College for New Judges - 2001 to 2012

Chairman of Texas Center for the Judiciary - 2002-2003

Chairman of Texas Judicial Ethics Committee - 2004 to 2007

*Appointed to Texas Supreme Court by Governor Bush in 1996 to sit for Justice Enoch who was recused
from a specific case*

Appointed to Texas Judicial Council by Governor Bush - 1995-1997

*Appointed to Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care by Chief
Justice Phillips in 1998*

*Appointed to Attorney General's Child Support Advisory Work group by Attorney General Cornyn in
2000*

*Appointed by Governor Bush as Presiding Judge of the Sixth Administration Judicial Region in 1995
and Re-appointed in 2000 & 2005 & 2009 & 2014 & 2017*

Appointed to Court of Criminal Appeals Education Committee by Chief Justice Keller in 2001

Former Advisory Director, Texas Association Court Administrators

Former Chairman of Judiciary Curriculum Committee

*Faculty member and lecturer for the University of Memphis Institute for Faculty Excellence in
Judicial Education*

Mediator and Arbitrator for Judicial Workplace Arbitrations

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - LEGAL :

Licensed to Practice Law - 1973

Former Assistant County Attorney and Assistant District Attorney

Partner in the Law Firm of Wallace, Jackson, Ables & Machann - 1979-89

President of Kerr County Bar Association - 1979-80

Instructor Criminal Law and Procedure, Schreiner College - 1976-80

Prosecutor for State Bar Grievance Committee - 1976-77

Constitutional Law Lecturer for Kerr County Police Academy

Lecturer and Panel Member for Judicial Education Programs and State Bar Programs

Elected Fellow of the State Bar of Texas - 2001

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

Member of First United Methodist Church, Kerrville, Texas

Senior Adult Sunday School Teacher since 1983

Administrative Board Chairman - 1986-87

Chairman Board of Trustees - 1990-91

Church Lay Leader - 1999-00

Adult Choir

Appointed to Bishop's Committee of the Episcopacy in 2000

Emmaus Pilgrim Walk 108

Emmaus Lay Leader - 1999

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

President and Founding Director of the Hill Country Crisis Shelter for Battered Women - 1987-88

Advisory Director to the Hill Country Youth Ranch

Director of the Cailloux Family Charitable Foundation

Attorney Coach for the Kerrville Tivy High School Mock Trial Team since 1991

State Champions - 1998

State Champions - 1999

3rd in Nation - 1999

State Champions - 2005

Former Director "Partners in Ministry"

Advisory Director Young Men's Business League

Former Coach of Youth baseball, basketball and soccer

Past President and Director of the Cowboy Camp Meeting Association

Founding Member of the Kerrville Philosophers Club

Past Board of Directors, Hill Country Arts Foundation

Member Hill Country Beginners Symphony Orchestra (Double Bass)

Columnist for Kerrville Daily Times

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Public Address Announcer for the "Fighting" Tivy Antler Football team

Golf (Played golf with Tiger Woods!)

Music (Presently learning to play the Double Bass)

Reading

Teaching

Cooking with my wife