

# DAN J SPJUT

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## OBJECTIVE

Texas Department of Insurance Arbitrator

## SKILLS PROFILE

- Twenty Seven years experience with the Houston Police Department
- Fourteen years experience as an attorney practicing law in Harris County
- Four years as a sitting Harris County criminal court judge of Harris County Criminal Court AT Law #10, 2015 thru 2018
- Current Federal Background Investigator with Top Secret Clearance

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### **Houston Police Department**

*Houston, Texas*

**Rank of Police Officer 1981-1994** Assigned to Central Patrol, Jail Division and Narcotics Division. While in Narcotics, was a member of the forced entry team, and was a mid and upper level case agent. Obtained and executed search warrants, conducted buy-busts, and money laundering investigations. In an undercover capacity, purchased powder cocaine, crack cocaine, brown heroin, tar heroin, LSD, marijuana, ecstasy, methamphetamine and mushrooms. Recipient of Police Week Unit Citation, May, 1990.

**Rank of Sergeant 1994-2005** Assigned to Narcotics, supervised a night shift squad at the Southeast Command station. Responsible for supervising and training a squad of officers. Executed narcotics search warrants and conducted street pops. Responded to citizen complaints of narcotics activity. Worked in conjunction with southeast and south central tactical units. Selected to a mandatory two year rotation in Pro Active Internal Affairs. Selected to supervise the HIDTA Narcotics Intelligence Center located in the Houston FBI Office. Supervised officers and civilian analyst, who supported long term narcotics investigations conducted by local, state and federal investigators. I was also

responsible for the Intelligence Center annual budget. Obtained a Top Secret federal security clearance.

**Rank of Lieutenant 2005-2007** Assigned to the Gang Division. Commanded the Gang Task Force. The task force consisted of an HPD Squad, FBI, ICE, DPS and DEA agents. In 2007, I was assigned to the Dispute Resolution Center prior to retirement.

### **Attorney**

*Houston, Texas*

**Solo Practitioner 2008- December 2014** General practice of law primarily in the area of juvenile law. Conducted bench trials, jury trials and authored appeals of CPS termination cases. Experience with juvenile delinquency cases. Also negotiated mediated settlement agreements and represented clients in adoption cases. Passed bar exam on first attempt, No complaints have ever been filed against me to the State Bar.

### **Criminal Court Judge**

*Harris County, Texas*

**January, 2015-December 31, 2018.** Elected to the bench in January, 2015. Presided over misdemeanor criminal cases such as DUI, Family Violence, Theft and Assault. Presided over one hundred jury trials during term.

**August, 2019-Present.** Currently A background investigator for CSRA. Performing under contracts with DHS/CBP and DHS/ICE. Completed four week New Investigator National Training Standards Course. Possess a Top Secret Clearance.

## EDUCATION

- 1992, Bachelor of Science : Criminal Justice, University Of Houston, Downtown
- 1997, Doctorate of Jurisprudence, South Texas College of Law