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TED C. JONES, PHD

Chief Economist – Senior Vice President, Stewart Title Company

Jones earned a PhD in finance with a minor in statistics and a master's degree in land economics and real estate from Texas A&M University. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University.

Prior to joining Stewart he served as the first chief economist at Texas A&M University's Real Estate Center, the nation's largest publicly funded real estate research group. Before that, he authored and taught the valuation and appraisal section of the Bachelor of Commerce in Valuation and Property Management at Lincoln College, University of Canterbury near Christchurch, New Zealand. An internationally recognized real estate expert, Jones has completed appraisals and property analysis in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Caribbean and the United States.

Ted C. Jones' recognized specialty is applied real estate research. Jones has appraised multiple billions of dollars of real estate including more than \$3 billion of income producing property owned by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, retail properties, hotels, motels, offices, commercial land, industrial, multifamily housing, residences and numerous other special use properties. He has testified before the Congressional Oversight Board. Expert witness testimony has included analysis and evaluation of a solid rocket missile and carbon fiber plant, hydro, gas and coal-fired electric utilities and co-generation plants, an internal pipe coating plant in Scotland servicing the North Sea oil and gas production, and arguments on the treatment of deferred income taxes in the valuation of regulated public utilities. He has consulted The Boeing Company on property valuation issues relating to ad valorem property taxes at Boeing's diverse aerospace and aircraft manufacturing plants in Washington.

An accomplished speaker, he gives more than 125 presentations on real estate and the economic outlook each year. Representative groups addressed include: National Association of Realtors®, National Association of Home Builders, National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives, Fannie Mae, American Land Title Association, The Housing Round Table, Association of University Real Estate Officials, New Zealand Property Management Institute, Employees Relocation Council, RE/MAX, KELLERWILLIAMS, the Institute of Professionals in Taxation, the American Bar Association, the Association of Real Estate Law Licensing Officials, the National Conference on Unit Value Standards and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He is a past member of board of directors of the National, Texas and Houston Association of Realtors® and served as chairman of the board of the Houston Association in 2004 – at that time the largest association of Realtors in the country.

AMY REILLY SALLUSTI, ESQ.

Shareholder - Geary, Porter & Donovan, P.C.

Amy Reilly Sallusti is a shareholder with the law firm of Geary, Porter & Donovan, P.C. and practices in the areas of property tax litigation and eminent domain and condemnation litigation. Amy's trial practice is principally focused on the representation of private property owners of all types of property involved in valuation disputes with governmental agencies in the State of Texas. Her property tax practice focuses on providing advice to tax consultants and property owners when navigating the complexities of the administrative process, filing litigation on behalf of property owners for both real and personal property, negotiating and resolving litigation, and when necessary, trial. Amy also assists property owners and developers in planning for future development by maintaining or obtaining property tax exemptions and property tax abatements. Her eminent domain and condemnation practice focuses on representing private property owners involved in eminent domain litigation wherein the state, counties, municipalities, and other governmental authorities seek to acquire her clients' property. Amy has handled cases involving the taking of all types of improved properties, as well as those involving the taking of vacant land. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1996, her law degree, with honors, from the same university in 1999, and attended Queen's College, Oxford University, Oxford, England in the summer of 1997.

Ms. Sallusti's professional activities include membership in the Institute of Professionals in Taxation (IPT) where has served as an instructor for the IPT Intermediate Real Property Tax School since 2012 and on various IPT Committees. Ms. Sallusti

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is also a member of the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals (TAPTP) and has spoken at numerous TAPTP conferences, served as an instructor for TAPTP courses and served as General Counsel to the TAPTP Board from 2007 through 2013. Furthermore, Ms. Sallusti has been a member of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) since 2003 and served on the CREW Dallas Board from 2009 through 2011 as the Director of Public Relations and the Director of Member Services, respectively. Ms. Sallusti is a member of the CREW Dallas Speakers Bureau, previously served as the 2008 Co-Chair of the CREW Classic Golf Tournament, and serves as a member to various CREW Committees. She is also a member of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers (TAAO), the Dallas Bar Association (DBA), the Texas and Dallas Associations of Young Lawyers, and the SMU Real Estate Society.

Ms. Sallusti's honors include being awarded the 2010 CREW Network "20 Under 40 Award," a national award recognizing women under the age of forty who demonstrate excellence in the real estate community. She has also been named a "Texas Rising Star Young Lawyer" selected by Texas Monthly Magazine and featured in the Texas Rising Star Editions in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2011. Additionally, Ms. Sallusti is a Barrister in the William "Mac" Taylor Inn of Court.

Ms. Sallusti was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1999 and is also admitted to practice in the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas. Ms. Sallusti was born in Okemah, Oklahoma (the home of Woody Guthrie!). In her spare time, she loves to travel, experience great food and watch Oklahoma Sooner football.

DR. MARK G. DOTZOUR **Real Estate Economist**

Dr. Mark G. Dotzour is a real estate economist who served for 18 years as Chief Economist of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University in College Station. He has given more than 1,500 presentations to more than 275,000 people and has written over 90 articles for magazines and journals. His research findings have appeared in the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Money Magazine and Business Week.

His clients include banks, private equity firms, real estate investments trusts, construction firms, engineering companies, wealth managers, private foundations, and commercial and residential brokerage firms. He has also made presentations to local and national trade associations all over America. He makes complex economic issues easily understandable. Mark's goal is to provide his audience with a "tool kit" of useful information that will help them make good business decisions for their families, their clients and their company.

In 2015, Dotzour stepped down from his position at the Real Estate Center to focus all of his time and effort on analyzing current economic conditions and communicating his analysis to others. He combines academic training in economics, real estate, finance and history to make sense of current economic trends.

After earning his PhD in finance and real estate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1987, Dotzour was a tenured professor of real estate and finance at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas for 10 years. Prior to his academic career, he was President of Gleneagles Development, Inc., which was a residential land development firm in Wichita. During this time, he also served as President of Dotzour Inc., Realtors, which was a residential brokerage firm in Wichita.

Mark and his wife LuAnn have been married for over 40 years, and have two children and two grandchildren. His father was a professional golfer. He and LuAnn spend a lot of time on the road, and they enjoy playing golf, exploring antique stores and old book stores.

DAVE LIEBER **Dallas Morning News Columnist & Certified Speaking Professional**

Dave works as The Watchdog investigative columnist for the highly-respected Dallas Morning News. His latest columns are available on The Dallas Morning News Watchdog page regarding important property tax issues. He fights for Americans and shows them how to save time, money and aggravation. He works to expose corruption and make positive change. TheDailyBeast.com named his columns one of the 10 best in the U.S. in 2014.

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He is founder of a consumer rights movement — WatchdogNation.com — which shows Americans how to protect themselves from thugs, thieves, scammers, and corporate skulduggery.

His heart is in the non-profit world. He's co-founder of Summer Santa, one of North Texas' largest children's charities. For this, he won the Will Rogers Humanitarian Award. This honor goes to the U.S. newspaper columnist whose work produced positive effects on the lives of readers.

SENATOR PAUL BETTENCOURT: DISTRICT 7 **President & Chief Executive Officer/Bettencourt Tax Advisors, LLC**

First elected to the Senate in 2014, Paul Bettencourt represents Senate District 7, which includes portions of Harris County. He previously served 10 years as the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector, where he introduced "Smart Government" at the Harris County Tax Office and developed a customer service-driven organization. His team created the first major online property tax payment system and the first county tax office website with online automotive registration in Texas. (His motto was "Get on-line, not in-line.")

In his first legislative session, Senator Bettencourt served as the chief Senate sponsor on 25 bills that the Legislature approved, including his amendment to SB 1760 that requires a 60% supermajority within a taxing jurisdiction to increase property taxes and has already prevented Dallas ISD from imposing a \$100 million tax increase on its taxpayers. Senator Bettencourt also led the passage of the Andrea Sloan "Right to Try" bill, which allows terminally ill Texas patients access to drugs still in the FDA approval pipeline, and SB 1004, which expanded dual credit opportunities in Harris County.

Numerous organizations have acknowledged Senator Bettencourt for his conservative solutions. His work earned him the distinction of "Most Valuable Freshman" by Capitol Inside, "Outstanding Texas Legislator" by Vision America, and being called an "architect of tax relief" by Governor Greg Abbott. His leadership in office and the community also earned him additional awards such as the "Taxpayer Advocate of the Year" award from Americans for Prosperity, the "Hero of Faith" award from the Houston Area Pastors' Council, and a "Pioneer" award from the Harris County Republican Party.

During the interim session, Lt. Governor Dan Patrick appointed Senator Bettencourt to serve as Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief. The Select Committee toured Texas and heard almost 50 hours of public testimony, discussing ideas to reform the appraisal system and bring tax relief to Texans, as proposed in SB 2, the Texas Property Tax Reform and Relief Act of 2017.

Senator Bettencourt also serves on the Senate Finance, Education, and Higher Education committees, and is the Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Most recently, he was appointed to the Joint Select Committee to Determine a Sufficient Balance of the Economic Stabilization Fund and unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as the Chair of the Texas Senate Republican Caucus.

A graduate of Texas A&M University, Senator Bettencourt is the CEO of Bettencourt Tax Advisors, LLC, a tax consulting company in Houston that has grown to more than three dozen employees. He is also a radio and television personality.

The senator and his wife Susan are active members of Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, where Paul is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

RAY HEAD **Partner, Morrison & Head LP**

Mr. Head has over 30 years of experience in providing property tax management and minimization services for owners, managers and developers of commercial and investment real estate. Mr. Head's clients have included many of the nation's most notable real estate investment trusts, institutional advisors, insurance companies, opportunity funds and private investor entities. His property type specialties include multifamily, office buildings, hotels/motels, industrial/warehouse/flex properties and land developments. In addition to the foregoing

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Mr. Head is a life-long resident of Austin, Texas and a frequent speaker on the subject of property taxation at local, regional and national levels.

Mr. Head is the past president of Austin's Apartment Association, is a Registered Property Tax Consultant in the State of Texas, Past President of BOMA Austin, Corporate Patron of IREM, member of Austin Real Estate Council, past president of the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals and currently serves as Government Relations Committee Chair and Member at Large.

Ray graduated from the University of Texas at Austin.

R. CLINT SMITH **Principal, HillCo Partners**

Clint Smith is a HillCo Partners principal and codirects the firm's General Government Practice. Smith brings to HillCo more than 40 years of local, state and national government affairs experience. He worked for AT&T for 33 years, serving as their State Director of Government Relations in Texas from 1983 until 1998, when he joined HillCo Partners.

Smith has an extensive background in banking, pensions, technology and telecommunications. For more than a year he worked on the Omnibus Telecommunications Act, signed by President Clinton in January 1996, and he has been closely involved with every telecommunications issue considered by the Texas Legislature since 1974. Smith represents several individual public pension funds and their umbrella organization before the Texas Legislature. He led the fight in passing key legislation for trustees of public pension funds in Texas. He also worked with Compass Bank, Intel, Microsoft and other organizations on various issues before the Texas Legislature and regulatory agencies of state and local government.

Smith is well-versed in all aspects of state and local tax legislation and represents several firms and associations before the Texas Legislature on tax matters. He also leads the firm's Sports and Entertainment Practice with his representation of the Dallas Cowboys, the National Football League and Texas Motor Speedway. He has played a role in some of Texas' biggest legislative fights in recent years, including pushing for a new stadium for the Dallas Cowboys, fighting cable providers' bid to shut out the NFL Network, and bringing local dollars to NASCAR and the Texas Motor Speedway.

Smith graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor of arts degree. He also received a master of liberal arts degree from Southern Methodist University.

REPRESENTATIVE HUGH SHINE **Texas House Member District 55**

State Representative Hugh D. Shine is a retired Army Colonel who has returned to the Texas legislature 30 years after he was first elected to represent Bell County. His previous service from 1986-1991 allowed him to retain his seniority, making him the highest-ranking member of the 2017 Freshman Class, ranked 67 among the 150 House Members. Shine was the first Republican in Bell County to be elected since Reconstruction after the Civil War.

He first served in the 69th Legislature after a special election; and subsequently was elected to the 70th and 71st Legislatures. Shine served on the House Judiciary Committee, the Corrections Committee, as Vice Chairman of the Labor and Employment Committee and on the Budget and Oversight sub-committees. Governor Bill Clements selected Shine as his representative to the State Job Training Coordination Council.

President Ronald Reagan through Presidential Appointment selected Representative Shine to serve on his Inter-Governmental Advisory Council on Education in Washington D.C. President George H. W. Bush then reappointed Shine for an additional two years.

Shine's first experience in public office was when he was elected to the Temple City Commission where he served as Mayor Pro Tem. Shine has continued his public service over the past 26 years, serving the Temple community in different capacities as a board member and chairman of municipal boards, commissions, including the Temple Economic Development Corporation, Temple Reinvestment Zone, and Temple Chamber of Commerce.

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He was born in Houston and grew up in Navasota, Texas on his family's farm in the community of Lynn Grove. He attended Sam Houston State University on a US Army scholarship and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration and was commissioned as a second Lieutenant. Upon completing his officer basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he was selected for and graduated from the U.S. Army Aviation School in Fort Rucker, Alabama, and became a rotary-wing aviator. Shine was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division in South Korea as an air assault platoon leader with D Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant during his tour and selected as the 3rd Brigade S-3 Operations Officer, receiving his first Army Commendation Medal.

Returning stateside, he was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry at Fort Hood where he commanded an aviation platoon and later became the Air Cavalry Troop Operations Officer. He completed six years of active duty service before joining the Texas Army National Guard.

During his 24 years in the Texas Army National Guard, Shine served as the State Aviation Safety Officer, State Aviation Operations Officer, and Deputy to the State Adjutant General; he commanded the 2nd Aviation Battalion of the 149th Aviation Regiment in San Antonio and was the 49th Armored Division Aviation Brigade Commander for the State of Texas. During his command, units of the Brigade were deployed to Bosnia, Iraq, South Korea and other areas of the global theater. Aviation Units under Colonel Shine's command also responded to State active duty assignments, performing drug and border interdiction missions with state and local law enforcement agencies, providing helicopter support during flooding and assisting with firefighting.

The Aviation Brigade under Shine's command was also selected in 2000 by the Department of the Army and the Department of the Navy to conduct a joint training exercise with the 3rd Fleet Naval Operations in San Diego, California. The Aviation Brigade consist of Blackhawk, Apache and Chinook helicopters, an infantry battalion and logistic support assets deployed cross country to San Diego and conducted simulated day and night combat operations aboard the USS Tarawa, San Clemente Island and the Pacific Ocean for two weeks without an incident or accident.

During Shine's 30 years of military service, he received a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College and was a Master Army Aviator. He has received numerous military awards and he received the Legion of Merit upon his retirement in 2004.

While serving in the U.S. Army National Guard, Shine continued to build his financial services career, completed a Master's degree in Business Administration at Baylor University and earned a graduate certificate from the Executive Education Program at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He continues to serve clients in Central Texas as a financial advisor and branch manager.

Hugh D. Shine is an experienced public servant with successful municipal and legislative experience, proven military leadership and successful business experience. The Representative is proud to serve the communities of Temple, Belton, Troy, Little River Academy, Rogers, Holland, Bartlett, Morgan's Point Resort, Fort Hood and portions of Killeen and east Bell County.

"I have always believed that next to faith and family, serving your country and your community is the highest calling," Representative Shine stated.

Shine and his wife Debbie reside in Temple, Texas.

REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD PEÑA RAYMOND **Texas House Member District 42**

Richard Peña Raymond was born in Alice, Texas and raised in Benavides, Texas (population 1,900) graduating from the high school there.

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He got involved in politics as a very young man fighting political corruption in his home county of Duval.

Representative Raymond received a B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, majoring in Government and minoring in History. He later received a J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law.

Before being elected to the Texas Legislature, he worked for United States Senators Lloyd Bentsen from Texas and Paul Simon from Illinois. He also worked for Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and Texas Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger.

In 1992, Mr. Raymond first ran for and was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, where he would represent a rural South Texas District that included the counties of Duval, Jim Wells, Live Oak, Wilson, Atascosa, McMullen and La Salle.

After serving in the Texas House for 6 years, he then ran for Texas Land Commissioner. Although he received nearly 1.5 million votes as the Democratic Party nominee, he lost to Republican David Dewhurst.

Two years later, in January 2001, Mr. Raymond was once again elected to the Texas House of Representatives, this time by the voters of Laredo, Texas and has served in the House since.

Representative Raymond has served on several committees, including several years on the Appropriations Committee, Energy Committee, Economic Development Committee, Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, and the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee. Speaker Joe Straus appointed Mr. Raymond as Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and later as Chairman of the Human Services Committee. He continues to serve as Chairman of the Human Services Committee while also serving on the Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Raymond has authored and passed many bills during his career regarding job creation, higher education, transportation, health care and public safety. He also passed bills putting the words "In God We Trust" in the Texas House of Representatives Chamber and on Texas License plates.

He is married to the former Michelle Gould and they have three children. He is a lifelong and die-hard Dallas Cowboys and Texas Longhorns fan!

MAC FULFER **Motivational Speaker**

Mac Fulfer is a popular speaker who gives presentations for national and international conferences. He customizes his presentation to the specific needs of any organization such as improving sales, jury selection, and better hiring interviews. He has spoken to more than 2,000 companies and organizations that include American Airlines, the FBI, the Kansas State Judicial Conference, Business Week Magazine, the International Meeting Planners, the National Association of Legal Administrators and the US Postal Service.

Mac Fulfer practiced law in Fort Worth for over 22 years after earning his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Texas in 1975. Initially, Mr. Fulfer became interested in the practice of face reading for the purpose of jury selection. He quickly discovered that face reading changed his perspective, allowing him to see people more compassionately through the experiences reflected on their faces.

Since then, he has researched and developed these skills and presented ideas in workshops across the country. His workshops are in great demand from lawyers, educational institutions, Fortune 500 companies and other venues that have an interest in understanding people. As a presenter, Mr. Fulfer relies on his background, personal experience, wisdom and expertise in face reading to give participants information that will enhance their communication skills.

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Smith graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also received a master of liberal arts degree from Southern Methodist University.

LEO LOPEZ

Associate Commissioner and Chief School Finance Officer

Leo Lopez has over 16 years of experience working in public school finance. Mr. Lopez currently serves as Associate Commissioner and Chief School Finance Officer for the Texas Education Agency (TEA). As Chief School Finance Officer, Mr. Lopez oversees the TEA's divisions responsible for state funding, financial accountability and financial compliance. He has served in that role since June 2016.

Before returning to TEA, Mr. Lopez served as executive director of finance for the Austin Independent School District (AISD), where he assisted with management of the district's financial affairs and directed the financial operations for the district. Prior to joining AISD in June 2012, Mr. Lopez spent over ten years at the TEA in a variety of roles in the Financial Audits and State Funding Divisions.

Mr. Lopez holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Austin, with a major in finance and a minor in accounting.

GAVIN MCBRYDE

Principal & Owner/McBryde Firm, PLLC

Gavin McBryde is the founding principal and owner of the McBryde Firm, PLLC. Established in 2010, the McBryde Firm concentrates its litigation practice solely in ad valorem taxation matters and represents property owners across the state of Texas. Mr. McBryde received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin and earned his Juris Doctorate from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law where he served as Student Bar Association President, member to the Trail Advocacy Board and member to the Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court.

Mr. McBryde is an active member in the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals, the Institute for Professionals in Taxation, Austin Young Real Estate Professional's, the Real Estate Council of Austin and the Travis County Bar Association. Mr. McBryde currently serves as in-house counsel to the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals (2013-present) and is an active participant at the Texas Legislature on property tax matters.

MELINDA D. BLACKWELL

Blackwell & Duncan, PLLC

Melinda D. Blackwell is a member in the boutique property tax law firm of Blackwell & Duncan, PLLC. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University - Shreveport with a degree in Sociology and a recipient of her Juris Doctorate from Baylor University School of Law. Melinda is admitted to practice in Oklahoma and Texas, U.S. Supreme Court, U. S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit and the U. S. District Court, Northern District of Texas. She has been heavily involved in property tax disputes throughout Texas for over twenty years. Upon graduating from law school in 1990, Melinda worked as an attorney for the Law Offices of Earl Luna until 1995. During that time, she represented appraisal districts, taxing units, and other government entities with property tax issues. In 1995, Melinda joined Brusniak | Blackwell, PC and became a partner in 2003. In 2013, Melinda formed the firm of Blackwell & Duncan, PLLC. She is the past Chair of the American Bar Association, Section of Real Property, Property Tax Committee; the past Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association, Section of Real Property, Land Use and Environmental Group, the past Chair of the American Bar Association, Section of Real Property, Land Use and Environmental Group, and the past Chair and past Vice-Chair of the State Bar of Texas, Section of Taxation, Property Tax Committee; a member of the Institute for Professionals in Taxation; the Texas Association of Assessing Officers; and Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals.

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LORRI MICHEL **Michel Gray, LLP**

Lorri Michel is the managing partner of Michel Gray LLP and is one of the state's leading property tax attorneys. Lorri has successfully litigated several cutting-edge property tax cases, establishing legal precedent for property owners across Texas. Most recently, she defeated the City of Austin's extraordinary challenge petition against 19,000 commercial property owners in Travis County, which sought to remove the "equal and uniform" requirement for taxation from the Texas Property Tax Code.

Lorri's clients include real estate developers, small and multi-national businesses, and owners of multi-family properties, regional malls, open space and agricultural land, affordable housing properties, hospitals, hotels, central business district office buildings, oil and gas interests, and many other types of properties.

Lorri chairs the Government Relations Committee of the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals, and is deeply committed to protecting the rights of property owners. She has testified before the Texas Senate Select Committee on Property Tax Reform & Relief, and is a trusted subject matter expert for Texas legislators considering changes to the state's property tax system.

Lorri graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and earned her law degree from Baylor University School of Law in 1991. She began her career as an assistant Travis County attorney before joining the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP, where she represented hundreds of property taxing authorities and appraisal districts in property tax collection and valuation matters.

In 2003, Lorri opened the Michel Law Firm to dedicate her practice to representing property owners. In 2015, she merged her firm with that of a longtime friend and property tax attorney, Raymond Gray.

A frequent speaker at legal and property tax seminars, Lorri is member of the State Bar of Texas, Austin Bar Association, Real Estate Council of Austin, Institute for Professionals in Taxation, Texas Taxpayer & Research Association and the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals. She is also an invited fellow of the Austin Women Lawyers Foundation.

When not practicing law, Lorri is a tireless advocate for homeless pets, working closely with city officials and nonprofit organizations to help make and keep Austin the largest no-kill city in the nation and to end the killing of homeless pets in cities across Texas.

JAMES D. HANNAGAN **Geary, Porter & Donovan, P.C.**

JD Hannagan primarily represents clients in the areas of ad valorem tax, employment law, and business litigation. JD's experience in these areas has opened his practice to a broad range of legal disputes, including condemnation matters, breach of contract claims, landlord/tenant disputes, and consumer actions brought under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

JD received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Texas Christian University in 2004. After graduation, he attended Texas Tech University School of Law. During law school, JD served as an Articles Editor for the Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal. During his last two years of law school, he worked at a small firm that handled legal matters ranging from high stakes personal injury cases to defending those accused of capital murder.

In 2007, he graduated from law school, was licensed by the State Bar of Texas, and immediately went to work at Geary, Porter & Donovan. He practices law in all state and federal courts across Texas. He is a member of several professional associations, including the Dallas Bar Association and the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers. JD was named to the list of Texas Super Lawyer Rising Stars in 2014 through 2018.

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Bar Admissions

State Bar of Texas

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Education

Texas Tech University School of Law, cum laude, 2007 (Doctor of Jurisprudence)

Texas Christian University, 2004 (Bachelor in Business Administration)

Awards & Honors

Texas Rising Stars

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KENNETH E. GRAEBER

Vice President/Marvin F. Poer & Company

Kenneth Graeber manages the Houston office of Marvin F. Poer & Company. In addition to managing the office, Kenneth oversees services to numerous clients and is primarily responsible for handling appeals on major office properties in Harris County.

Mr. Graeber graduated from Texas A & M University with a MS degree in Agricultural Economics and was employed by Texas A & M where he conducted and developed education programs on appraisal, investment analysis, and income and estate tax management. He also authored publications on these topics. He served as the Executive Director of the State Property Tax Board and as the Chief Appraiser of Harris County Appraisal District in Houston.

He is a registered Senior Property Tax Consultant in the State of Texas. Formerly served as President of the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals (TAPTP), currently serves as Chairman of the Ethics Committee and serves on the Government Relations Committee.

ROLAND H. ALTINGER

Chief Appraiser, Harris County Appraisal District

Roland H. Altinger is the chief appraiser for the Harris County Appraisal District, a position he has held since July 2016. As chief executive officer for one of the largest assessment entities in the United States, he is responsible for over 600 employees and the annual reappraisal of more than 1.8 million parcels of property, with a total market value of approximately \$570 billion. The district is served by over 180 Appraisal Review Board members.

Joining the district in 1988 as a residential appraiser trainee, Altinger earned promotions over the years to taxpayer liaison officer, director of the information and assistance division, assistant chief appraiser, and deputy chief appraiser. His previous employment includes experience in property management and sales, market research, and commercial appraisal.

Attending Texas State University, Altinger played on two college championship football teams and, in 1984, received a bachelor of business administration degree. He continued his education through the Alicia Smith Institute of Real Estate, American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, and the International Association of Assessing Officers. He is a registered professional appraiser, certified tax administrator, certified assessment evaluator, certified chief appraiser, and licensed real estate broker.

Altinger is a member of the Institute of Certified Tax Administrators (ICTA), the Texas Association of Assessing Officers (TAAO), the International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO), and the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts (TAAD). His testimony concerning tax administration is frequently requested before sessions of the Texas legislature.

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Altinger serves on TAAD's legislative committee and as Region IV Director. He is also president of the TAAD chapter of IAAO. Altinger is one of two IAAO instructors in Texas, an avid fisherman, and father of three.

JEFF LAW

Chief Appraiser, Tarrant Appraisal District

Mr. Law is a native of Burleson, Texas and resides there with his wife and twin teenaged daughters. He graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance.

Jeff serves as the Chief Appraiser for the Tarrant Appraisal District. Prior to TAD, he served for more than ten years as the Chief Appraiser of the Hood County Appraisal District and has collectively worked in the property tax profession for more than twenty seven years.

Jeff has served as President of the Texas Association of Appraisal District and is also members of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers and the International Association of Assessing Officers. Jeff also serves on the Fort Worth Aviation Advisory Board and is a private pilot.

He is a certified property tax instructor for the State Comptroller's office, and is a past recipient of the Certified Tax Administrator of the year award.

Jeff is a frequent speaker for state property tax associations and civic and local community groups.

BRENT SOUTH

Chief Appraiser, Hunt Central Appraisal District

Brent began his career in the property tax profession at Smith County Appraisal District and has worked for Dallas CAD and Rockwall Cad before accepting the position of Chief Appraiser for Hunt Cad in 2007.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Western Governors University and has obtained the designations of Registered Professional Appraiser, Registered Texas Assessor, Certified Tax Administrator and Certified Chief Appraiser.

Brent was the 2014 President of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts and currently serves as chair of the TAAD Legislative Committee. He was awarded the 2011 James W. Robinson Legislative Award for his work with the Texas Legislature and the Earl Luna award in 2017.

Member of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers, Rural Chief Appraisers, International Association of Assessing Officers, Hunt County Alliance for Economic Development, Leadership Hunt County, Greenville Rotary Club, and serves on the Greenville Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Committee.

MARYA CRIGLER

Chief Appraiser, Travis Central Appraisal District

Marya Crigler is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She has over 25 years' experience with Travis Central Appraisal District and during that time has held a variety of positions to include Appraiser, Modeler, Director of IT, ARB coordinator, Deputy Chief of Operations and was appointed Chief Appraiser in December 2011. She is a member of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts, International Association of Assessing Officers, Texas Association of Assessing Officers and served on the Comptrollers Property Value Study Advisory Committee.