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## **TOM TROLL**

### **Appraiser – Property Tax Consultant, National Realty Consultants**

Tom Troll is an appraiser and property tax consultant with National Realty Consultants in Houston. His article (Capital Layer Evaluations – Hotels and More) was published in The Appraisal Journal in 2016. He spoke at the 2015 and 2017 annual conferences of the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals and at two 2017 IPT conferences in 2017 (Nashville, TN and Indian Wells, CA). Mr. Troll has over 45 years of varied commercial real estate experience including appraisal, tax consulting, lending, leasing, and loan workouts. The appraisal company of which he was a partner in the late 1970s was engaged as the managing local consultant for the revaluation of Harris County. Mr. Troll served as liaison between the primary mass appraisal contractor and the government entities creating a county-wide valuation district. Mr. Troll spent two and half years on the project and designed the income valuation modeling system for the revaluation. He was one of three members of a team that leased the first tower in the Houston Center project (33-blocks in downtown Houston). Mr. Troll was head of commercial real estate lending for two large lending institutions and head of capital markets for a boutique investment banking firm in Houston. He has written and taught weekend courses in appraisal, financial mathematics, and investment analysis for real estate licensure in Texas.

## **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 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.

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## **STEPHANIE MATA**

### **Supervisor Property Tax Division's Information & Customer Service/Texas Comptroller's Office**

Stephanie Mata is the Supervisor for the Property Tax Assistance Division's Information and Customer Service Team. She has been with the Comptroller's office for over 13 years and started in the property tax field as a project manager for the Appraisal Standards Reviews. She was involved with the Methods and Assistance Program from its inception and is now involved with the Statewide Binding Arbitration Program, training Appraisal Review Board Members, and general outreach and support. Stephanie holds the designations of Registered Professional Appraiser and Registered Tax Assessor-Collector.

Stephanie received her Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and her Master of Business Administration degrees from Texas State University.

## **LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT J. DARLING**

### **United States Marine Corps (Retired)**

Lieutenant Colonel Darling retired from the United States Marine Corps with just over twenty years of active duty service in October 2007. He flew Cobra attack helicopters in Desert Shield and Desert Storm during the first Gulf War and in Somalia, Africa in support of Operation Restore Hope. In June 1998, he was selected to fly as a presidential pilot with Marine Helicopter Squadron One and in October 2000, he was selected to work for The White House Military Office, Airlift Operations Department. It was in that capacity that, then Major Darling supported the President, Vice President and National Security Advisor in the Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC) on September 11, 2001.

Bob graduated from Iona College, New Rochelle, NY with a BA in Economics in 1987. Upon graduation he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant aboard the USS Intrepid. In 2002 Bob attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA where he earned his MBA in Financial Management.

**At the urging of family, friends, and colleagues to share his witness to American history, Bob wrote his memoir, "24 Hours Inside the President's Bunker, 9/11/01: The White House." He continues to share his personal experience and knowledge of crisis leadership with many military, corporate, and university audiences nationwide. He is the President of Quantitative Analytics, LLC, an aviation operations and logistics consulting company located in Stafford, Virginia.**

## **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.

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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 MORRISON & HEAD, LLC Poer & Company**

Ray Head has 34 years of experience in providing property tax management and minimization services for owners, managers and developers of commercial and investment real estate. Ray's property type specialties include multifamily, office, hotels, industrial properties, and land developments. Ray 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 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 Director of Texas and National Apartment Associations, past president of the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals, currently serves as Government Relations Committee Chair, Member at Large and received the Ellis S. Allen Award of Lifetime Achievement in the Property Tax Profession.

Ray graduated from the University of Texas at Austin.

## **FOY MITCHELL, JR. Vice President/Managing Consultant, Marvin F. Poer & Company**

Mr. Mitchell entered the property tax field in 1964 following his discharge from the U.S Army's Special Forces. Prior to his service duties he attended the University of Texas at Arlington majoring in Structural Engineering.

He is married to his high school sweetheart, Karen for over fifty-two years. They have two children and five grandchildren. His hobbies have included golf, water skiing, aerobatic flying, travel and his career.

Professionally he has achieved a number of prestigious national and state designations. Currently he is licensed by the State as a property tax expert. Prior to joining the Marvin F. Poer Company Mr. Mitchell served as the executive Director/Chief Appraiser of the Dallas Central Appraisal District (DCAD) for over twenty-three years. The agency was recognized as one of the most successful of all Texas' appraisal districts under his leadership. During Mr. Mitchell's tenure the DCAD won the Outstanding Assessment District Award of the International Association of Assessing Officers. The office regularly hosted tours of the office on behalf of the State Department who brought foreign guest to learn about effective technology and systems for property appraisal issues.

Upon his retirement from the DCAD Mr. Mitchell was recognized by both the Governor and Legislature of Texas with resolutions recognizing his outstanding leadership in the field of property tax administration. Following that retirement Mr. Mitchell joined the Marvin F. Poer Company as a Vice President in January, 2005 and continues with that firm at this time.

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## **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 45 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 and cable 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 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.

## **RICK DENNIS** **HillCo Partners**

Rick Dennis, who joined HillCo Partners in 2016, focuses on assisting the firm's clients in many critical areas of public policy.

Prior to joining HillCo, Dennis worked for twelve years in the Texas House of Representatives in varying capacities. He served nine of those years as chief of staff for State Representative Tan Parker, where he helped to enact more than fifty new laws geared toward improving Texas's economic climate, enhancing child protections and public safety, helping state and local governments run more efficiently, and other major goals.

During the 84<sup>th</sup> legislative session, Dennis acted as the committee director for the House Committee on Investment and Financial Services, which sought to keep business and consumer confidence high while addressing banking, lending, and borrowing issues critical to Texas's long-term economic future. He also worked closely with the House Republican Caucus to ensure that its members were provided the support services necessary to successfully serve in office and to collaborate with Democrat leaders in identifying bi-partisan solutions to issues before the Texas House. In this capacity, Dennis developed strong relationships with the caucus members, their support staffs, and the House leadership.

From 2008 through 2016, Dennis was a campaign consultant specializing in campaign finance law and Texas Ethics Commission compliance. As such, he was instrumental in the election and reelection of many current House members on both sides of the aisle.

Dennis studied business administration at Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in both marketing and business management in 2003. He is married to Candice Woodruff, a former Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Greg Abbott. Together, the couple have two young sons.

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## **DAVID KAPLAN**

### **Of Counsel/Geary, Porter & Donovan, P.C.**

Mr. Kaplan concentrates his practice on representing property owners in the areas of ad valorem property tax disputes and litigation, negotiating economic development incentives and eminent domain law.

Mr. Kaplan is a frequent lecturer on property tax issues for industry, Appraisal District and property owner groups. He has served as General Counsel for the Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals and Chair of the State Bar of Texas Property Tax Committee. He was admitted to the State Bar of Texas in 1987.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business from the University of Texas in 1984 and his juris doctor from UT School of Law three years later.

While attending law school, Mr. Kaplan was selected as a member of Order of the Barristers, competed on the National Mock Trial Team and served as chairman of the Board of Advocates and the national law student representative on the Council of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association Litigation Section. He also worked for the Texas House of Representatives as a Chief Legislative Aide while attending business and law school.

## **DR. HAROLD HUNT**

### **Research Economist/Real Estate Center Texas A & M University**

Dr. Harold Hunt is a native of Thibodaux, Louisiana, a small town located about 45 miles southwest of New Orleans. He earned his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University. Before obtaining his Ph.D., Harold worked as a commercial real estate appraiser for McCracken and Associates in Dallas, Texas.

Harold has been involved in research examining the impact of economic development, transportation, and other special topics that can affect the Texas commercial real estate markets. He also continues to build relationships with Mexican real estate professionals and has contributed to research involving the establishment of a Mexican secondary mortgage market.

## **DAVE DAVLIN**

### **Motivational Speaker**

Over 25 years ago, Dave Davlin began bringing smiles to faces with a form of entertainment he developed as a young boy. From NBA and major college arenas across America to the Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea—and even to the world-famous Branson Strip—“Travelin” Davlin has entertained people of every age and background. His amazing ability with basketballs even landed his name and picture in the 1990 Guinness Book of World Records.

Dave began to hone his speaking skills in the early 90's as a national speaker in the public schools across America. Combining his entertainment ability with a powerful message, he was instrumental in the fight for education and against drugs. At the advice of friends working in corporate America, Dave began to develop presentations for the corporate and association market and the rest is history. He now speaks at numerous corporate and association conferences each year. From public school students to CEOs, Dave's message has made a difference in the lives of thousands, and his impact continues to grow each year as he shares his philosophy and wisdom through speaking and writing.

## **AL MCKENZIE**

### **Director of Forecasting and Fiscal Analysis/Texas Education Agency**

As Director of Forecasting and Fiscal Analysis at the Texas Education Agency, Al McKenzie has worked in the Office of School Finance since 2006. He has been extensively involved in implementing the provisions of House Bill 3 regarding school district tax rate compression.

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## **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.

## **JOSEPH M. HARRISON IV, PRINCIPAL**

### **Harrison & Duncan, PLLC**

JOE HARRISON is a principal of Harrison & Duncan PLLC, a law firm which represents property owners, agents and consultants, property managers and other fiduciaries throughout the State of Texas on property tax issues and disputes, on valuation, exemption, special use and related issues and taxing lending, and general restate lending issues.

A 30-year veteran ad valorem tax litigator on a variety of industrial and commercial properties. Harrison began his legal career at Valero Energy Corporation, later joined prestigious Haynes and Boone as a commercial litigator, then co-founded a statewide property tax boutique litigation firm in 1996. Harrison served as multi-year Chair of the Property Tax Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law, and as Editor of the ABA's annual Property Tax Case Law Survey. Joe is also past Chair of the Legal and Legislative Committee(s) of the Institute for Professionals in Taxation.

Over the years, Joe has been at the forefront of combating appraisal district overreach. Examples include \$200 Million value reduction in a fleet of mobile drilling rigs based out of Houston, Texas, twin arbitration awards correcting over \$300 Million in appraisal excesses on a large Austin, Texas corporate campus, spearheading dismissal of over 70 appeals filed against Bexar County taxpayers through appraisal district manipulation of filing deadlines and procedures, and appellate holdings in areas as diverse as agricultural rollback and affordable housing.

A prolific lecturer and teacher on various ad valorem taxation, Harrison has held admissions over the years to not only all Texas Federal District Courts, but numerous U.S. Bankruptcy Courts, the Third, Fifth and Seventh Circuits U.S. District Courts of Appeal and the United States Supreme Court. Joes is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Loyola University and holds a J.D. with Distinction from St. Mary's University School of Law.

## **JASON C. MARSHALL**

### **The Marshall Firm, PC**

**Jason Marshall's** entire legal career has been focused on local government law and property tax litigation. At **The Marshall Firm**, his practice focuses upon representation of property owners and developers in zoning, land use and property tax matters.

Mr. Marshall is from Dallas, and attended undergraduate school at Texas A&M University, where he graduated with honors, receiving a B.S. in economics. He received his law degree from the University Of Texas School Of Law. He is a certified mediator, and is licensed to practice in the U.S. Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts, as well as the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Jason was formerly a partner at the firm of Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith, LLP where he represented a number of municipalities and tax appraisal districts. He is also a former shareholder of Winstead Sechrest and Minick, one of Texas' largest law firms.

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Jason has addressed conventions held by the State Bar of Texas, Texas Association of Assessing Officers, Texas Association of Appraisal Districts, Texas Association of Property Tax Professionals, and the Texas Municipal League. He is past President of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers, North Texas Chapter, and Past-President of the Dallas Federal Bar Association.

## **SAM WEBB** **The Cox Law Firm**

Sam C. Webb is a Partner at the Cox Law Firm, where his practice is devoted to ensuring that property owners and companies pay only the tax that is legally due and nothing more. His practice consists of property tax litigation, representing property owners in valuation lawsuits and tax lienholders in enforcement suits, and the application of property tax exemptions. He also represents foreign and domestic clients in tax planning, utilizing creative legal and regulatory strategies to minimize the property tax and duty burden on and maximize the benefits to his clients. Sam counsels clients on economic development programs and is an expert on Foreign Trade Zones (FTZs), speaking on FTZs at the Port of Houston and National Association of Foreign Trade Zones Annual Conference. Further, Sam serves as outside counsel on regulatory and tax matters to foreign and domestic businesses engaged in international trade.

Prior to joining The Cox Law Firm, Mr. Webb was a Team Leader at an international consulting firm providing tax and foreign trade advisory services to Fortune 500 clients, especially focused on reducing tax and duty burdens through FTZs, Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB), and duty drawback. He has also drafted model legislation for state tax exemptions and given legislative testimony. Mr. Webb has maintained an active litigation practice since law school, too, having handled matters in Texas district and appellate courts.

Mr. Webb devotes his extracurricular time to ministry, education, and family. He serves as an Associate Research Fellow for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, writing on matters of law, religion, and the public square. In addition, Mr. Webb serves as an adjunct faculty for business law in the Texas A&M University system. Most importantly, Mr. Webb is married to Lindsey and they have two kids.

## **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

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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.

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.

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## **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.

## **W. KENNETH NOLAN**

### **Chief Appraiser, Dallas Central Appraisal District**

W. Kenneth Nolan is Chief Appraiser for the Dallas Central Appraisal District. In his duties as Chief Appraiser, he is responsible for Appraisal Services, Administrative Services, Legal Services, and Information Technology. This includes a staff of 228 with an annual budget in excess of \$24 million. The Dallas Central Appraisal District includes 60 taxing jurisdictions, 827,000 parcels of real and personal property with a total value of approximately \$275 billion. He has been with the DCAD since its inception in 1981.

Ken received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1976 and a Masters in Public Administration from Lamar University in 1980. He also holds the RPA (Registered Professional Appraiser and RTA (Registered Tax Assessor Collector) designations from the Board of Tax Professional Examiners of the State of Texas and the CTA (Certified Tax Administrator) from the Institute of Certified Tax Administrators and TAAO.

Ken is a member of several professional associations including the Texas Association of Assessing Officers, Texas Association of Appraisal Districts and the International Association of Assessing Officers. He is a Past President of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers.

Mr. Nolan has spoken to numerous groups including the annual TAAO Conference; annual TAAD Conference; Texas School Assessor Association; North Texas, Northeast Texas, East Texas, Gulf Coast, and Rio Grande Valley Chapters of TAAO; and the Property Tax Institute at the LBJ School at the University of Texas.