

The Honorable Matthew G. Wright Judge Wright has two appointments as a presiding judge in the State of Texas and has held faculty appointments at the Texas A&M School of Law and the Baylor University Hankamer School of Business. Matthew is the managing member of the firm Diaz & Wright, PLLC, and works in federal & state criminal law, municipal law, and charitable development.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Spurlock Judicial Fund (formerly the Asian Judicial Institute) and is designated lead for the Spurlock Judicial Fund. He has assisted the Mongolian judiciary and attorneys since 2008 and conducted training in Mongolia in 2017, 2023, and 2024. Recently, he was appointed to the Asian Committee of the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative.

Judge Wright has been admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. He is licensed as an attorney-at-law and counselor in Texas and Missouri. Matthew has been admitted to the Eastern District of Missouri, the Western District of Texas, and the Northern District of Texas.

Matthew was recognized as the 2011 American Bar Association's Outstanding Young Non-Profit Lawyer of the Year. In 2017, Judge Wright was awarded the Texas A&M Public Interest Fellowship for his work in reforming rural courts. In 2021, he was awarded the Texas A&M Alumni Public Service Award. In 2025, he was named Alumnus of the Year by Texas A&M School of Law. Mr. Wright was inducted into the National Order of Barristers, the legal honor society.

He has studied with the National Judicial College and has been recognized as a Member of the Texas Bar College. He studied conflict resolution and negotiation at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, and at Hamline University School of Law. He attended the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government's Program on Leadership for Senior Executives. He earned a Juris Doctor in 2008 from Texas A&M School of Law (formerly Texas Wesleyan School of Law) and a bachelor's degree in Foreign Service from Baylor University in 1998.

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Wright served as Vice President for Philanthropy and Operations at the Scott & White Healthcare Foundation and previously served as its interim President & Chief Executive Officer. Wright has been in business, non-profit management, and fundraising since 1998. He has written and supervised the submission of more than 600 grants and has raised more than \$65,000,000 in grants and individual donations. In addition, he has worked as a team member or an executive in raising more than \$150,000,000. Funds raised have renovated and built a domestic violence shelter, a private school, hospitals, specialty clinics, and non-profit offices, as well as provided operational support for research, education, military mental health support, disaster preparedness, and clinical care.

Matthew shares the rank of Eagle with Gold Palm in the Boy Scouts of America and is a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow.

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Education & Licenses:

Counselor & Attorney-at-Law, State of Texas, #24049956

Counselor & Attorney-at-Law, State of Missouri, #63340

Credentialed Mediator, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association

Admitted to practice in the Eastern Federal District of Missouri

Admitted to practice in the Western Federal District of Texas

Admitted to practice in the Northern Federal District of Texas

Admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States

Juris Doctorate, Texas A&M School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas 2008

Ranked 9th in Graduating Class (Formerly Texas Wesleyan University School of Law)

Study Abroad with Hamline University at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

Bachelor of Arts, Baylor University, Waco, Texas 1998

Major in International Studies (Foreign Service)

Legal Experience:

Diaz & Wright, PLLC (formerly DLW Law, PLLC)

Managing Finance Partner & Attorney

2015-Present

Partner responsible for financial operations, vendor management, IT, as well as tax reporting of the law firm as well as the firm's legal compliance. As an attorney, responsible for client cases in the following areas: charitable organization law, probate, appeals, federal criminal, federal civil, state criminal, state civil, probate and estate planning.

Law Offices of Matthew G. Wright,

formerly Wright Service Corps and Diaz & Wright, Owner

2004- 2012

Legal representation includes probate and criminal defense matters, including hearings, bench trials and jury trials. Legal clients are not disclosed, references available upon request. As a qualified Texas Mediator, mediated over 100 civil mediations with an 80% success rate in the Tarrant County Justice of the Peace Court #1. Provided non-profit fundraising and management services to various clients.

Academic Experience:

Baylor University Hankamer School of Business

Lecturer – Organizational Behavior and Negotiations & Conflict Resolution

Instructor – Negotiations & Conflict Resolution **2015-Present**

Instructor in the Management Department responsible for teaching a senior undergraduate course on negotiations and conflict resolution as well as a junior level organizational behavior.. In addition, coordinates the Management Major faculty and student activities and communication systems. Responsible for coordinating study aboard and international programs.

Texas A&M School of Law
Adjunct Professor – Dispute Resolution **2021 - Present**

Professor for the Alternative Dispute Resolution cohort in the School of Law responsible for teaching a negotiations, mediation, arbitration, and general conflict resolution course. The course is a second or third year 3-credit hour course that provides instruction and simulation in mediations, arbitration, negotiations, and conflict resolution taught for legal practitioners.

Texas A&M School of Law
Assistant Course Director – Mongolian Prosecutor Jury Training **May 2017**

Taught and developed a course for the Office of the Prosecutor General for Mongolia on conducting jury trials. Mongolia is converting from a European model trial to an adversarial jury trial model. The course was designed to teach the national prosecutors the basics of jury trial strategy. Ongoing technical advice and assistance to the Mongolian Government.

Texas A&M School of Law
Appellate Advocacy Coach **2015-Present**

Coach for national, regional, and state appellate advocacy teams. Responsible for the training, preparation, and competition of one or more teams representing Texas A&M. Competitions include the Mack Kidd Administrative Law Competition, ABA Nationals, Black Law Student Association Regional and National Competition. Teams have advanced to final rounds, won regional championships and were national finalists.

Business Experience:

Scott & White Healthcare Foundation
Interim Chief Executive Officer & President **2006-2014**

Oversaw the fundraising operations and planning for Scott & White Memorial Hospital, McLane Children's Hospital and Clinics, and Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center and surrounding clinics. In addition, the position managed and develops the prospect research process, prospect management systems, Gift Administration, Corporate & Foundation Relations, and the International VIP Patient program. Provides oversight of the Foundation's budget, financial record-keeping process, financial reporting system, and distribution tracking program. Hired as Grant Writer, promoted to Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations, promoted to Vice-President for Development, and promoted to Vice-President for Philanthropy & Operations. Completed service as the board-appointed Interim Chief Executive Officer & President. Oversaw the successful merger into the Baylor Scott & White system.

Mid-Tex American Red Cross, Chief Executive Officer **2000 - 2004**

Responsible for the strategic planning, direction, and operation of the independent unit as well as the restructuring of the fundraising, business management, sales, and emergency response infrastructure. Implemented the annual campaign strategy, planned giving program, grant procurement initiatives, and executed a donor database system. Recruited, cultivated, and developed board of directors, staff, and donors. Responsible for oversight and administration of disaster training for the State of Texas.

Reicher Catholic High School, Director of Development 1998 - 2000

Responsible for the fundraising for the \$3.4 million Reicher Renaissance Capital Campaign as well as funds for the annual appeal and endowment. Oversaw the business office of the school and the creation of the school's scholarship fund. Administered the public relations and admissions program of the school.

Judicial Experience

Tarrant County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1

Visiting Judge 2021-2024

Serves as judge for all cases before the court, primarily in the areas of property, contract, and general civil law. Hears all contested hearings, bench trials, and any jury trials assigned by the Presiding Judge. Appointed by the Presiding Judge.

State of Texas Municipal Court of Record Holland

Presiding Judge 2021-Present

Oversees the function of the Municipal Court of Holland and serves as judge for all criminal cases before the court and magistrate for the jurisdiction. Hears all arraignments, presides over all jury trials, and administers justice for all bench trials and agreed judgments. Appointed by the Holland City Council.

State of Texas Municipal Court of Mount Calm

Presiding Judge 2019-2025

Oversees the function of the Municipal Court of Mount Calm and serves as judge for all criminal cases before the court and magistrate for the jurisdiction. Hears all arraignments, presides over all jury trials, and administers justice for all bench trials and agreed judgments. Appointed by the Mount Calm City Council.

State of Texas Municipal Court of Lott

Presiding Judge 2016-2024

Oversees the function of the Municipal Court of Lott and serves as judge for all criminal cases before the court and magistrate for the jurisdiction. Hears all arraignments, presides over all jury trials, and administers justice for all bench trials and agreed judgments. Appointed by the Lott City Council.

State of Texas Municipal Court of Record Rosebud

Presiding Judge 2013-Present

Oversees the function of the Municipal Court of Rosebud and serves as judge for all criminal cases before the court and magistrate for the jurisdiction. Hears all arraignments, presides over

all jury trials, and administers justice for all bench trials and agreed judgments. Appointed by the Rosebud City Council.

Professional Development:

Judicial Continuing Education

- National Judicial College – Rural Judge Program 2018
- Texas Municipal Court Education Center Faculty 2018-2025

Leadership Education

- Program on Leadership for Senior Executives, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, 1999

Awards and Honors:

Texas A&M Law Alumnus of the Year - 2025

Texas A&M Law Alumni Public & Non-Profit Sector Achievement Award – 2021

Texas A&M School of Law Public Interest Fellow – 2017

American Bar Association Outstanding Young Non-Profit Attorney - 2011

Achieved the rank of Eagle Scout with Gold Palm

Honored as Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow Honor Society

Earned the designation of CFRE, Certified Fund Raising Executive, December 2003 –2018

Named Grand Marshall for the City of Rosebud Christmas Parade, 2013

Order of the Barristers Honor Society Inducted 2008

Phi Delta Phi, National Honor Society, 2007, 2008

Grants and Fellowships:

- Recipient of the ABA Judicial Scholarship to the National Judicial College – 2018
- Recipient of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy Essay Contest, 2007
- Recipient of the Judicial Law Scholarship, 2005 – 2008
- In addition, I have written and supervised the submission of over 600 grant requests and have raised over \$65,000,000 in grants and donations. I have been a part of team, led, been an executive for, or collaborated in the raising of over \$150,000,000. Some of the various foundations include:
 - the Meadows Foundation, the Sid Richardson Foundation, the Samuel Noble Foundation, the Dallas Foundation, the Mabee Foundation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United Way, Texas Veterans Commission,

Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Department of Health and Human Services, the ER Carpenter Foundation, the MD Anderson Foundation, the Rapoport Foundation, the Cooper Foundation, the Waco Foundation, H-E-B Corporation, Wal-Mart, Paul J. Meyer Family Foundation, Diane and Gary Heavin Foundation, Johnson & Johnson, and the Dell Foundation.

Research Skills:

As an attorney and professional responsible for all grant submissions for a 12-hospital system, I am proficient at researching various topics using various sources. I have completed training on various research engines, such as Lexis-Nexis and WestLaw. Furthermore, I have written, conducted, and analyzed surveys, pre-tests, post-tests, and general evaluations for social service programs, education initiatives as well as medical research. Moreover, I understand the process of research and the development of an idea or topic.

I have researched various topics including:

- Comparative law between Texas and Mongolia;
- the 2nd Amendment;
- the 4th and 5th Amendment;
- the role of religious beliefs in the death penalty debate;
- triple negative breast cancer;
- search and seizure;
- mediation and negotiation in the context of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity;
- obscenity laws;
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder;
- combat stress;
- philanthropic giving in the United States;
- the role of HIPAA in fundraising;
- effective board governance in non-profits; and
- the role of the Attorneys General in non-profit enforcement.

Civic Activities:

- Town Square Community Foundation, Founder & Board Member, 2015 – Present.
- Heart of Texas Economic Development District Board: Secretary (2019 -2020), Vice Chair (2020-2021), Chair, (2021-2022) Member 2015 – Present..
- Spurlock Judicial Fund, formerly the Asian Judicial Institute, 2008 – Present
- Waco Civic Theatre, Pro Bono General Counsel, 2017 - 2025
- Texas Municipal Court Association, 2017 – 2025.
- Central Texas Association of Fundraising Professionals Offices Held: Treasurer (2003 – 2004), Vice-President (2007 - 2009), President Elect (2010), President (2011), Government Relations (2002 – 2012), Member 1998 – 2018.
- Association of Fundraising Professionals (Intl.) Government Affairs Com. 2010 – 2015.
- Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, Member 2005 – 2014

- Rosebud Community Development (Rosebud 20/20) Host & Coordinator 2012- 2014.
- McLennan County Access to Recovery, Founder & Chair, 2009 – 2016.
- Association of the United States Army – Greater Fort Hood Chapter, Offices Held: Board Member (2005-2014), Vice-President of Finance (2006)
- Aware Central Texas (Child Abuse), Board of Director, 2006 – 2010
- Central Texas Astronomical Society, Board Consultant for Paul J. Meyer Observatory 1999 – 2005
- Family Abuse Center, Board Member, 2004
- Central Texas Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster, President & Founder, 2000 – 2004
- FEMA – Local Emergency Fund Board for Bell County 2000 – 2004
- FEMA – Local Emergency Fund Board for Coryell County 2000 – 2004
- Central Texas Education Network, Board of Director, 1998 – 2000
- Cultural exchange in the State of Kuwait 1997
- International Relief in the Republic of Haiti 1995