



JUDGE JOHN T. WOOLDRIDGE

EDUCATION:

- Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana (1991) - LL.M. in Admiralty
- St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas (1987) - JD
- Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, Texas (1981) - BFA

EMPLOYMENT:

- 2013 - Present: Hon. John T. Wooldridge, Houston, Texas**
Former District Judge, Mediator, Arbitrator & Umpire
Certified as a mediator in 1995, approved as a moderator for moderated settlement conferences in 1992. Arbitration Panelist/Mediator for the American Arbitration Association (AAA), Judicial Workplace Arbitrations (JWA), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Dispute Solutions, Inc. and Conflict Solutions of Texas. Mediation and arbitration services specializing in complex civil cases, commercial, business and corporate matters, contracts, construction, employment and labor law. Appointed and selected Umpire for insurance claims disputes. Judge Wooldridge has eighteen years of judicial service and continues to sit by assignment as a Visiting Judge throughout the state.
- 2011 - 2013: Ensco plc, Houston, Texas**
Senior Legal Counsel & Director of Corporate Compliance
Responsible for the global corporate compliance program for a multi-national domestic and international offshore drilling services company.
- 2008 - 2011: Baker Hughes Incorporated, Houston, Texas**
Senior Legal Counsel - Audits & Investigations.
Responsible for the global internal audits & investigations for an international oilfield service company.
- 1997 - 2008: 269th Judicial District Court, Houston, Texas**
Presiding, District Court Judge
Texas State Trial Court of general jurisdiction, responsible for adjudication of all manner of civil, family and criminal law cases. Experience with oil and gas transactions and litigation, aviation, admiralty and maritime law, personal injury, property, products defect matters, tax and business litigation, administered a court docket of 1500 cases.
- 2004 - 2008: Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary, Washington, DC**
United States Military Judge
General and Special Courts-Martial Military Judge, trial and court administration.
- 1995 - 1997: Fitzhugh & Thompson, P.C., Houston, Texas**
Partner & Mediator
Civil trial practice, including admiralty and maritime law, aviation, general civil litigation, mediation and moderated settlement conference.
- 1991 - 1995: Royston, Rayzor, Vickery & Williams, LLP, Houston, Texas**
Associate Attorney
Civil trial practice, admiralty and maritime law and general civil litigation.

1989 - 1991: Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office, Gulfport, Mississippi
Special Assistant United States Attorney
Civil and Criminal trial practice.

VISITING JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS (2013 – Present):

11th Judicial District Court (Harris County - Civil);
58th Judicial District Court (Jefferson County – Civil);
60th Judicial District Court (Jefferson County – Civil);
61st Judicial District Court (Harris County – Civil);
165th Judicial District Court (Harris County - Civil);
184th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Criminal);
185th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Criminal);
189th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Civil);
190th Judicial District Court (Harris County - Civil);
252nd Judicial District Court (Jefferson County - Family);
247th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Family);
248th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Criminal);
257th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Family);
279th Judicial District Court (Jefferson County – Family);
280th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Family);
284th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Criminal);
295th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Civil);
312th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Family);
329th Judicial District Court (Wharton County – General Juris.);
337th Judicial District Court (Harris County – Criminal);
351st Judicial District Court (Harris County – Criminal);
Harris County Civil Court At Law No. 1 (Harris County – Civil);
Harris County Civil Court At Law No. 2 (Harris County – Civil);
Harris County Civil Court At Law No. 3 (Harris County – Civil);
Harris County Felony Project Court No. 2 (Harris County – Criminal);
Harris County Criminal Court At Law No. 2 (Harris County – Criminal);
Harris County Criminal Court At Law No. 8 (Harris County – Criminal);
Jefferson County Court At Law No. 1 (Jefferson County – Civil);
Jefferson County Criminal Court At Law No. 3 (Jefferson County – Criminal).

VETERAN - MILITARY SERVICE:

2015 - Present: Captain (O6), United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps (Retired).
2013 - 2015: Captain (O6), United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps. Senior Counsel, Navy Reserve, Region Legal Service Office, Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia.
2010 - 2013: Senior Military Justice Officer, Navy Reserve, Region Legal Service Office, Hawaii.
2008 - 2010: Commanding Officer, Navy Reserve, Region Legal Service Office, Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia.
2007 - 2008: Legal Advisor, Joint Task Force Legal Advisor, Combatant Status Review Tribunals. Office for the Administrative Review of the Detention of Enemy Combatants (OARDEC), U.S. Navy Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
2003 - 2004: Deputy Command Judge Advocate, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan.
2002 - 2003: Acting Force Inspector General, Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Yokosuka, Japan.
1991 - 2002: United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps, Reserve Assignments.
1986 - 1991: United States Navy, Judge Advocate General's Corps (Active Duty), prosecutor, Staff Judge Advocate, Command Advisor, Service during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm (first Gulf War) (Honorable Discharge).

DIRECTORSHIPS:

- 2015- Present: Board of Directors, The Ralph A. Johnston Foundation for Charitable Purposes, Houston, Texas.
- 2013 – Present: Advisory Board of Directors, The University of Texas Parents' Association, Austin, Texas.
- 2006 - 2010: University Board of Trustees, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 2005 - 2009: Board of Trustees, Chairman, Audit Committee, Episcopal High School, Bellaire, Texas.
- 1998 - Present: Advisory Board of Directors, The Oaks at Briargrove School, Houston, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

State Bar of Texas
Texas Bar Foundation
Houston Bar Foundation
Houston Bar Association
U.S. District Courts, Southern District of Texas
Association of Attorney-Mediators
The National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
The Texas Academy of Distinguished Neutrals
Maritime Law Association of the United States

PROFESSIONAL HONORS:

- Military: Meritorious Service Medal (Three Awards); Navy Commendation Medal (Three Awards); Navy Achievement Medal; National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with Bronze Hourglass).
- Civilian: United States Department of Justice, Award for Public Service; Profile In Professionalism, Houston Bar Association; Ernst John Watts Memorial Scholarship Award, for Capital Litigation, from the National Judicial College; National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals; Distinguished Alumni, McAllen High School.

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 1993 - 2008: South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas; Adjunct Professor of Law; Courses: Civil Trial Advocacy, Admiralty and Maritime Personal Injury.
- 2006: Rice University, Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, Houston, Texas, Lecturer, Ethics in Business, Medicine/Science and Politics/Government.
- 2005: Air University, United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, Maxwell AFB, Lecturer, Sixth Amendment Confrontation Clause.

PUBLICATIONS, AUTHOR, SEMINARS:

Published Law Journal:

“Barratry by Exceeding the Navigational Limit of the Insurance Policy.” Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce, Vol. 24, No. 2, April, 1993 (Author).

Law and Legal Practice:

“Effective Arbitration Advocacy.” Houston Maritime Arbitrators Association, September 22, 2015 (Lecturer).

“Cross-Border E-Discovery: Exploding Issues & Complexities for U.S., Foreign Corporations Operating Globally.” Huron Legal Institute, May 3, 2011 (Panelist / Lecturer).

“Career 360: Judiciary Roundtable.” 43rd Annual National Convention, National Black Law Students Association (NLBSA), March 11, 2011 (Panelist).

“The Law and Ethics of War: Guantanamo Bay.” Jewish Ethics Institute Series on American & Talmudic Law, January 2010 (Lecturer).

“Trial Court Practice and Procedure.” Christian Trial Lawyers Association, August 23, 2007 (Lecturer).

“Ethics in Business, Medicine/Science and Politics/Government.” Rice University, Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, September 2006 (Keynote Speaker).

“Ethics in Insurance.” Houston Claims Association, Houston, Texas, February 8, 2006 (Lecturer).

“American Jury System.” Memorial High School, Houston, Texas, May 2005 (Lecturer).

“Texas Legal System.” Episcopal High School, Houston, Texas, January 25, 2006 & February 1, 2006 (Lecturer).

“Judicial Perspectives on Insurance Litigation.” South Texas College of Law, Insurance Symposium, January 27, 2006 (CLE Lecturer / Panelist).

“Expert Witnesses: Two Gates Can Seal Their Fate.” The Advocate, State Bar Litigation Section Report, Symposium on Expert Witnesses, Volume 33, Winter 2005 (Co-Author).

“Practice in Harris County Civil District Courts in the 21st Century.” Houston Bar Association CLE, November 18, 2005 (CLE Lecturer).

“Texas Jury Selection.” Houston Bar Association, Houston Public Access Channel, May 2005. (HBA Television Program).

“Crawford vs. Washington: The Chaos of Confrontation.” Air University, United States Air Force Judge Advocate General School, Montgomery, Alabama, April 2005. (CLE Lecturer).

“Professionalism in the Court.” Ten-Minute Mentor Video, Texas Young Lawyers Association, Texas Bar CLE, November 2004. (CLE Lecturer – Internet / Video).

“How to Avoid Mistakes at Trial.” South Texas College of Law’s Automobile Injury Conference, Houston, Texas, March 2004. (CLE Lecturer).

“Jury Trial Innovations.” South Texas College of Law’s Advanced Civil Trial Law Conference, Houston, Texas, February 2004 (CLE Lecturer).

“Jury Interrogation of Witnesses.” The Houston Lawyer, Vol. 41, No. 1, July/August 2003. (Author).

“Awesome Arguments, closing arguments by Joseph D. Jamail, Charles A. Mathis, Jr., Lisa Blue and Willie E. Gary.” American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, April 2003 (Moderator).

“New Courthouse Construction and Technology Issues: A Partnership with the Local Bar Association.” American Bar Association, Mid-Winter Meeting, National Conference of Bar Presidents, Metropolitan Bar Caucus, Seattle, Washington, February 2003 (Panelist/Lecturer).

“The Home Stretch: Preparing Your Personal Injury Case From 60 Days Out.” Civil / Appellate Bench Bar Conference, Houston Bar Association, Galveston, Texas, May 2003 (Panelist/Lecturer).

“**Technology in the Courtroom.**” American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Courtroom Technology Program, Houston, Texas, April 2003 (Panelist/Lecturer).

“**Maritime Discovery Issues in State Court.**” Houston Mariner’s Club, December 2002 (CLE Lecturer).

“**The Bench Live: The Latest from the Judges on Practice in their Courts.**” Houston Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, December 2002 (CLE Lecturer / Author).

“**Effective Trial and Case Administration: Problems & Solutions.**” Houston Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, April 2002 (CLE Lecturer).

“**Allowing Jurors to Ask Questions During Trial.**” Houston Bar Association, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, September 2002 (Author / CLE Lecturer).

“**Competency of Insane Persons to Testify, Texas Rules of Evidence, Rule 601(a)(1).**” The Houston Lawyer, Vol. 39, No. 2, September / October 2001. (Author).

“**The New Rules: A View from the Bench.**” State Bar of Texas, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Advanced Personal Injury Seminar, Summer 1999 (CLE Lecturer / Author).

“**The Court’s Charge.**” State Bar of Texas, Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Advance Civil Trial Seminar, Summer 1999 (CLE Lecturer).

“**The New Civil Justice Center – An Update for the Bar.**” Pocket Parts, Houston Young Lawyers Association, Vol. LXIV, No. 6, November 2000. (Author).

“**The New Civil Justice Center.**” Benchmark, The HTLA Newsletter, Houston Trial Lawyers Association, Winter 2001 (Author).

Corporate Compliance and Ethics:

“**Detecting Corruption in Your Local Operations: How to Conduct Effective Risk Assessments in High Risk Markets.**” American Conference Institute, FCPA Boot Camp, January 24, 2013 (Panelist/Lecturer).

“**Detecting Supply Chain Risks; How to Effectively Audit & Monitor Your Existing Third Parties’ FCPA Compliance.**” American Conference Institute, FCPA Boot Camp, January 23, 2013 (Panelist/Lecturer).

“**Comprehending the Concerns Involved with the Facilitating Payment Provision of the FCPA.**” Marcus Evans, 9th Edition, FCPA and Anti-Corruption Compliance Conference, September 20, 2012 (Lecturer).

“**Compliance and Risk for the Energy Sector: Challenges in the Dodd-Frank Era.**” Compliance Week Editorial Roundtable, hosted by Compliance Week and Deloitte, February 16, 2011 (Roundtable Participant).

“**Global Compliance.**” Noble Energy, Inc., Compliance and Ethics Summit, November 2010 (Lecturer).