

Judge Dominique Collins Biography

In 2017, Judge Collins began her second term presiding over Criminal District Court 4. Prior to first being elected in 2012, Collins served Dallas County as an Assistant District Attorney since 2004. Collins has extensive experience handling both felony and criminal cases, and she worked with several specialty divisions within the DA's office, including organized crime, intake/grand jury, public integrity, and the mental health and competency division.

Collins was honored with the "Above and Beyond" Prosecutor Award in 2008, and she served on the State Bar of Texas Committee on Crime Victims from 2009 to 2011. Collins received her law degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, where she was Associate Editor of "The Scholar" law review and served as a teaching assistant.

Before becoming an attorney, Collins had an exemplary career in the United States Air Force for 12 years, serving as an information and personnel manager. Collins' volunteer work includes service as Secretary and Vice President of the Kessler School PTA, as a law instructor, as a volunteer income tax assistant, as a help line volunteer, as well as other community activities. Collins and her family live in North Oak Cliff.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN OFFICE:

- Recipient of 2014 Unsung Hero's Award
- Selected by the Criminal District Judges as Presiding Judge of Jury Services of Frank Crowley Courts Building
- Runs Dallas County Veteran's Court which gives justice-involved veterans, who complete treatment of their combat related PTSD issues, an opportunity to have their cases dismissed and expunged
- Continued Judge John Cruetzot's trailblazing rehabilitative efforts to break the cycle of recidivism through innovative treatment, securing supportive housing and employment opportunities for Dallas County citizens involved in the criminal justice system.