

Mark Watson Candidate, Criminal District Court No. 7

Tulane University, BA, Philosophy
Tulane Law School, JD, Early Admission Program
Licensed in 1984

Criminal Law Practitioner since 1989
The ONLY Board Certified Candidate.

I want to be a great judge. Currently a district judge has the ability to conduct a hearing and lower a bond, without the approval of Commissioner's Court. In my court, defendants will not sit in jail because they cannot afford a bail bond, provided public safety is not an issue.

A criminal record, including a successfully lived out deferred adjudication, can stay on an individual's record forever. This effectively makes them part of a permanent underclass. My "Second Chance" program is for non-violent offenders. Without pleading guilty and receiving probation, an individual can work for two years and stay out of trouble. Restitution for any loss, drug treatment, and job training will be part of the program. At the end of two years, after consulting and agreement by the District Attorney, the case will be dismissed in a manner that can be expunged.

I am licensed to practice in the US Supreme Court, and the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas. I am on the appointment list for this Administrative Region for appointment to death penalty cases. I was part of a team that secured a life sentence for a defendant instead of the death penalty.
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I am working as hard as I possibly can to earn your trust. I will do the same as Judge, CDC No. 7.

M. Watson

WATSON FOR JUDGE, CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT NO. 7