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COURNTEY M. WHITE

Courtney White is a former Assistant City Attorney for the City of Amarillo who brings her passion for her community to her municipal law practice daily.

Courtney White worked within a municipality for seven years when she served as Assistant City Attorney to the City of Amarillo on general counsel issues. She worked closely with staff and board members and advised them on the Texas Public Information Act and Texas Open Meetings Act. She represented and advised the city in employee civil service appeals, Chapter 143 disciplinary appeals, and procurement issues. She also drafted ordinances, resolutions, forms, programs, and agreements, and, on occasion, prosecuted class C misdemeanors in municipal court. Her experience working in-house at a municipality allows her to determine her municipal clients' specific pain points and objectives. She collaborates well with staff and officials to best serve their constituents.

Before her government work, she worked in private practice for four years handling corporate reorganizations, M&A, governing agreements, leasing documents and amendments, and asset purchase agreements

EXPERIENCE

Served as Assistant City Attorney at the City of Amarillo.

AFFILIATIONS

Texas Young Lawyers Association, Chair, 2024–2025; Chair-Elect and Bylaws Committee Chair, 2023–2024; Public Service Committee, Co-Chair, 2022–2023; Candidate for President-Elect, 2022; Attorney Wellness Committee Co-Chair, 2021–2022; Director, 2020– 2024

State Bar of Texas Government Law Section, Council Member, 2023-Present



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PRACTICE AREAS

Municipal

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of Texas, 2012

United States District Court, Northern District of Texas

EDUCATION

J.D., SMU Dedman School of Law, cum laude, 2012

B.A., Wake Forest University, magna cum laude, 2009



Texas Lawyers Assistance Program, Committee Member, 2023-Present

State Bar of Texas Administration of Rules of Evidence Committee, Member, 2020-2021

Amarillo Area Bar Association, Beef with the Bench for Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Co-Chair, 2019; Member, 2012-Present

Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association, President, 2018-2019; Vice President, 2017-2018; Secretary, 2016-2017; Co-Chair of Biennial Law Vegas CLE Committee, 2014 and 2016; Director, 2013-Present; Member, 2012-Present

Amarillo Area Women's Bar Association, Director, 2018-2020; Member, 2015-Present

Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Clinic Volunteer, 2017-Present

Amarillo Symphony Guild, Corresponding Secretary, 2021-Present; Treasurer 2016-2018

Amarillo Art Force, President, 2016-2017; President-Elect, 2015-2016; Secretary, 2014-2015

United Way of Amarillo and Canyon, Loaned Executive, 2018-2019

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Pastoral Council Member, 2023-Present; Master Server, Lector and Eucharistic Minister, 2018-Present; Member, 1986-Present

City of Amarillo Employee Appreciation Luncheon Committee, Member, 2017-2024

RECOGNITIONS

Selected for the Glass Breakers Award - Women in the Law by the Junior League of Amarillo in 2024

Selected for the President's Award by the Texas Young Lawyers Association in 2023

Selected for the Civility Award by the Texas Young Lawyers Association in 2022

Selected as a Fellow for the Texas Bar Foundation from 2022 to Present

Special Recognition Award for Most Clinic Hours by Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas in 2018 through 2023

Selected for the Quarterly Champ Award by the Texas Young Lawyers Association President in the 3rd quarter of 2021

Selected for Young Lawyer of the Year Award by Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association in 2019

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PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Presenter, "The Tortured Purchasing Department," Underwood Municipal Law Seminar, Plainview Country Club, Plainview, Texas, (2024)

Presenter, "Understanding Alcohol Regulations," Underwood Municipal Law Seminar, Plainview Country Club, Plainview, Texas, (2024)

Presenter, "Practical Tips for the PIA," Texas Municipal Clerks Association, Panhandle Chapter Luncheon, Macaroni Joes, Amarillo, Texas, (2024)

Panelist, "An Update on TOMA and TPIA with Newest Legislation and Pragmatic Tips," Texas Association of Community College Attorneys 26th Annual Conference, Texas Association of School Boards, Austin, Texas, (2024)

Co-Presenter, "How to Ask the City for Information – Procedures and Tips for Using the Public Information Act in your Practice," 2019 AAYLA Not-Quite-Vegas CLE, Esquire Jazz Club, Amarillo, Texas, (2019)

OUTSIDE THE OFFICE

In her free time, Courtney enjoys spending time needlepointing with her rescue dog, William, and rescue bunnies, Olive and Harey Styles, in her lap.