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CHAD WEST - Curriculum Vitae

Political Experience

Dallas City Council

2019 – Current City Councilmember, District 1, City of Dallas

- Elected in June 2019 without a run-off as first-term Councilmember for a District comprised over approximately 90,000 residents.
- Leading the charge in Dallas on Complete Streets-oriented projects and forward-thinking mobility solutions that focus on equity and accessibility.

Legal Experience

Chad West, PLLC

2010 – Current Attorney, Dallas, Texas

- Founder and sole owner of award-winning three-lawyer boutique firm that focuses on personal injury, criminal defense, and civil litigation.
- Oversee ongoing caseload of 200+ cases.
- Since 2010, have led the charge in 750 cases that have resulted in litigation and/or trial.
- Strong focus on giving back to the Oak Cliff community. The firm has initiated dozens of drives for school supplies, Halloween costumes, and donations for Oak Cliff-based children and charities in need, and serves as the primary hub of activity for the annual Dash for the Beads 5K and 10K fundraiser.

Baron & Budd, P.C.

2007 -- 2010 Litigation Attorney, Dallas, Texas

- Water contamination attorney in complex litigation boutique firm.
- Managed mass toxic tort cases involving thousands of victims across multiple jurisdictions.

Court of Appeals, Second District of Texas

2006 – 2007 Law Clerk for the Honorable Terrie Livingston, Fort Worth, Texas

- Assisted in researching and drafting judicial opinions.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

2005 Intern, Austin, Texas

- Conducted numerous research and environmental projects in the Environmental Law Section.

Business & Military Experience

Arete Holistics

2016 – Current Co-Owner/ Primary Investor/ Legal Council

- Led a team of investors in assembling and filing an application to cultivate and dispense medical cannabis in Texas pursuant to the Compassionate Use Program (CUP).
- Arete Holistics came in fourth place out of 43 applicants in this highly competitive process, where only three (3) applicants were ultimately selected. As of Jan 2018, Arete Holistics remains the first alternate selectee for the CUP.

Snap Clean Car Wash

2015– Current Co-Owner-Operator, Ennis, Texas

- Developed a \$3.65M 120' express tunnel car wash project, leading a team of professionals in site selection, tunnel design, marketing implementation, and operating procedures.
- Tunnel opened in March 2017 and employs eight full- and part-time team members.
- Two additional tunnels are under construction.

United States Army (Combat Veteran)

1999 – 2003 Medical Service Corps Officer

- Captain, Company Commander, 232d Medical Battalion, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Led a team of medical instructors, drill sergeants, and training officers in designing, conducting and reviewing the training for Army combat medics.
- First Lieutenant, Medical Surgeon Cell Operations & Logistics Officer, Taszar, Hungary. Reported directly to allied forces' Division Surgeon. Duties included daily assessment and reporting of allied medical assets, patients, and patient treatment needs across international borders, including the combat theater (Hungary, Bosnia, Slovenia, and Croatia) for the Division Surgeon and hospital command in Landstuhl, Germany.
- Honorably discharged, attained Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal, and NATO Medal; Airborne and Expert Field Medical Badge (EFMB) qualified.

Education

J.D., cum laude

Texas Tech University School of Law

2006

- *Texas Tech Law Review*, Water Law Symposium Coordinator.
- Board of Barristers, Top Gun Award for Best Competition Advancement Record in 2005, Two-Time Advanced Mock Trial Champion, Two-Time Advanced Moot Court Finalist, ABA National Appellate Advocacy Team Member.
- Criminal Law Clinic, represented several criminal defendants (2005 and 2006).
- Contracts Law Tutor (2004 and 2005).
- State Bar of Texas, Law Student Professionalism Award (2004 and 2005).

University of Guanajuato, Mexico School of Law

2004

M.B.A.

Webster University

2001

B.B.A.

Washington University in Saint Louis

1999

- Majors in Accounting and Marketing
- Student Body President (1998 – 1999)

Awards

- 2018 Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce – Community Advocate of the Year (*Nominee*)
- 2019, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014 *D Magazine* – Best Criminal Attorney
- 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 *Dallas Voice* Readers' Choice Award – Best Criminal Attorney
- 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 *Super Lawyers* – Rising Star
- 2015 Lambda Legal Person of Equality Award
- 2015 Texas Tech School of Law GOLD Alumni Award
- 2014, 2013 Texas Trial Lawyers – Top 100 Trial Attorneys
- 2013 Barefoot Wine Spirit Award
- 2012 Dallas Association of Young Lawyers – Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year.
- 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 Legal Hospice of Texas, Lawyer of Style.
- 2011 *Oak Cliff People* – People's Choice Award, Attorney.

Professional Organizations & Activities

- Dallas Trial Lawyers Association (2010 – Present)
- The Honorable Patrick E. Higginbotham – Inn of Court (2015)
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- Leadership Southwest (2014)
- Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, Executive Board Member (2012 – 2014), Board Member (2010 – 2012).
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, Leadership Class, Steering Committee (2007).

Political Appointments

- Dallas City Plan Commission (2017 – 2018)
- Oak Cliff Gateway TIF Board (2017).
- Citizens Bond Task Force, District 1 Representative (2017).
- Permit & License Appeal Board, City of Dallas (2016 – 2017).
- Campaign Treasurer for Judge Sara Martinez (JP 4-1, Dallas County) (2013 – 2014).
- Dallas Bond Committee, District 3 (2012).

Non-Profit Organizations & Activities

- Creekside Neighborhood Association. Led the charge in founding a neighborhood association in a crime-ridden, underrepresented sector of District 4, south of Christ for the Nations campus, in Dallas. <https://www.chadwestlaw.com/resources/community/creekside-neighborhood-association-launch/>
- Dash for the Beads 5K & 10K, a 501c3 organization. Co-Founder, Co-Chair from 2008 – 2018. This race and community party, which draws thousands of participants to Oak Cliff each year, is in its ninth year. Throughout the last eight years, the Dash has raised over \$200,000 for local parks (for beautification) and schools (for health, fitness, and nutrition-related activities).
- Last Bag Standing. Co-Founder (2017 - 2018). Corn Hole (beanbag toss) competition and fundraiser for school supplies for Hogg Elementary School's 2017 – 2018 school year.
- North Oak Cliff Greenspace. Board Member (2017 – 2018).
- Leadership Committee Co-Chair, Lambda Legal – Dallas (2010 – 2014). As Co-Chair, created the Landmark Dinner, an annual fundraising gala that raised over \$200,000 in its first two years.
- Toast to Life Co-Chair. Fundraising gala for Resource Center Dallas, which raised over \$225,000 (2011).
- Volunteer, Center for Brain Health (2012 – current).
- Volunteer, Veterans Assistance Program (2011 - 2012).
- NORML, Lifetime member and regular contributor.

Legal Publications

- “Premises Liability at Your Pool Party,” Attorney At Law Magazine, June 2017).
- “Medical Marijuana has Arrived in Texas, but Patients are Still Victims Thanks to the Department of Public Safety,” CANNABIS LAW JOURNAL, Issue 6 (Sep. 2017).
- “Top Ten Ways Employers Can Avoid Discrimination Lawsuits,” Managing Security Today, at 18 (March 2016).
- “Texas Medical Marijuana Act of 2012,” Co-author of the first medical marijuana bill presented to the Texas Legislature.
- “Tips for Appellate Attorneys From the Cheap Seats,” The Appellate Advocate, Vol. 19, No. 3, at 13 (Spring 2007) (co-authored with Derek Montgomery).

- “For Body, Soul, or Wealth: The Evolution and Policy Implications of a Water Ethic,” 26 STAN. ENVTL. L.J. 201 (2007), at <http://www.internationalwaterlaw.org>.
- “Top Ten List,” TARRANT COUNTY BAR J., (humor-based article published monthly from Dec. 2006 – Nov. 2007) (co-authored with Derek Montgomery).
- “Economics and Ethics in the Genetic Engineering of Animals,” 19 HARV. J.L. & TECH. 414 (2006), at <http://jolt.law.harvard.edu/articles/pdf/v19/19HarvJLTech413.pdf>.
- “Show Me the Water! It is Time for Congress to Acknowledge the Human Right to Water Access,” 36 ENVTL. L. REP. 10047 (2006).

Other Publications

- “Deer Sausage – The Perfect Icebreaker,” DEER AND DEER HUNTING (Fall 2008).
- “My Hunt With a Game Warden,” MIDWEST OUTDOORS – ILLINOIS EDITION (May 2007).

Presentations & Lectures

- Veterans’ Cannabis Business Conference, Panelist, Dallas, TX, May 2018.
- “How to Start Your Gun Law Practice,” Nationwide CLE webcast, Oct 2017.
- “Criminal Law Basics for the Civil Lawyer,” CLE presentation for DAYL, Sep 2017.
- “Firearms in Estate Planning,” Nationwide CLE webcast, March 2017.
- “Gun Law in Louisiana,” CLE presentation to Shreveport, Louisiana attorneys, Dec 2016.
- “Gun Law in Texas,” CLE presentation to Dallas, Texas attorneys, April 2016.
- Presenter on behalf of the Center for Brain Health regarding the benefits of the organization’s SMART program for law students, Lubbock, Texas, August 10, 2015.
- “Problems Young Lawyers Face at the Courthouse,” CLE presentation for DAYL, June 24, 2014.
- “Marijuana Politics,” Panel Presenter, NORML Conference, Fort Worth, TX, June 2014.
- “Economics and Ethics in the Genetic Engineering of Animals,” invited presentation at the Texas Tech University Department of Range, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, Seminar Series on Wildlife Conservation, September 6, 2006.
- “Genetic Engineering, Ethics and the Law,” invited presentation at the Texas Tech University School of Law, Law & Science class, September 6, 2006.
- “The Human Right to Water,” panelist at the Virginia Lakes and Watershed Association 2006 Water Conference, Richmond, Virginia, March 19 – 21, 2006.
- “Precious, Worthless, or Incalculable: The Value and Ethic of Water,” (www.watersymposium.net) Texas Tech University School of Law, November 2 – 4, 2005 (served as symposium organizer).