

Miles K. Risley

Education and Licensure:

- 2009 Admitted to practice law in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- 1995 Admitted to practice law in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas
- 1993 Admitted to practice law in all courts of the State of Texas
- 1992 J.D., University of Texas School of Law
- 1989 B.S., summa cum laude, Political Science, West Texas State University

Experience and Achievements:

March 2009 to Present – City of Wichita Falls Legal Department --- performed following as City Attorney:

Managed four attorneys and associated support staff for self-insured city (population 100,000+) that performs litigation in-house, has more than 1,200 employees, airports, four large reservoirs, convention centers, a civil-service police department, and other services typical of any large municipality

Reviewed more than 500 City Council actions, including resolutions and ordinances

Reviewed dozens of contracts between the City of Wichita Falls and other legal entities

Drafted legislative updates and communicated with legislators on pending legislative actions

Obtained election pre-clearances from U.S. Justice Department

Developed agenda and manage actions, budget, and contract issues for 4A and 4B economic development corporations

Prepared and/or reviewed economic development performance agreements, notes, and financing & security documents for economic development assistance that recruited nine companies with more than 2,000 employee positions to Wichita Falls

Coordinated economic development actions with Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Successfully defended investigations by Texas Railroad Commission alleging City damage to gas lines

Re-drafted & updated many of the City's major contract forms, including public works construction contracts

Updated Legal Dept software and frequently answered after-hours information systems related questions from other departments

Chaired Employee Benefit Trust, which manages employee benefits for employees & retirees of City of Wichita Falls

Coordinated successful results in multi-entity intervention in Public Utilities Commission proceeding involving utility lines adjacent to Air Force Base

1994 to March 2009 -- City of Victoria Legal Department --- performed following as City Attorney (2008-2009), Senior Assistant City Attorney (1995-2008), and Assistant City Attorney (1994-1995):

Managed staff of 12 employees as a City Department Head, including City Attorneys Office, City Secretary's Office, and Municipal Court

Reviewed and drafted more than 1,000 contracts between the City of Victoria and other legal entities. These contracts were with private entities, state universities, regional councils of governments, colleges, school districts, counties, various agencies of the state and federal government, as well as with various City-affiliated corporations and private companies. The collective value of these contracts is several hundred million dollars. They included contracts to:

construct roads, sewers, and other public improvements
provide engineering and architectural services to the City of Victoria
purchase computer systems for Computer Aided Dispatch, court dockets, & financial management
lease City-owned property to individuals and non-profit and for-profit organizations
provide and purchase services from other local governments (Interlocal Cooperation Act agreements)
obtain & manage federal, state, and private foundation grants for various City programs

Reviewed and/or drafted legal documents to purchase several hundred easements and interests in land for the City

Reviewed dozens of employment law issues, including litigation management, terminations, firings, EEOC investigations, internal investigations, and general advice

Acquired & reviewed title on hundreds of purchases of real property for the City, including hiring litigators, coordinating with appraisers, providing litigation support and other assistance in numerous condemnation actions

Drafted more than 2,500 resolutions and 400 ordinances for the Victoria City Council

Prepared agendas for more than 500 City Council meetings and various other City corporations and commissions

Prepared more than 1,000 letters to Texas Attorney General requesting information be withheld pursuant to Texas Public Information Act.

Acted as primary attorney in Victoria Planning Commission, Victoria Sales Tax Development Corporation, and Building & Standards Commission meetings

Assisted in defense and prosecution of more than 100 lawsuits involving City of Victoria as a party, including drafting briefs & motions, compiling discovery, arguing summary judgments, and other litigation activities

Co-drafted successful summary judgment motion in federal court case defending City of Victoria tow truck ordinance from attack on due process, equal protection, and federal statutory grounds, then drafted briefs to successfully defend City's tow truck ordinance in Attorney General Opinion No. GA-0315 (April 5, 2005)

Prepared numerical measurement criteria for management of Legal Department, Municipal Court, and City Secretary's office and assisted the development of such criteria for other City departments

Calculated damages in employment and 42 USC § 1983 civil rights cases and worked closely with outside counsel in those cases to prepare Rule 68 motions that ultimately forced plaintiffs to settle for nominal sums

Managed forensic accounting necessary to prove a \$65,000 embezzlement case involving a Municipal Court assistant clerk

Represented, advised, and in many cases prepared the paperwork to create the following local government-affiliated boards, commissions, and corporations:

Victoria Sales Tax Development Corporation
Victoria Planning Commission
City of Victoria Sign Board
Victoria Development Corporation
Victoria Economic Development Corporation
Victoria Housing Finance Corporation

Victoria Health Facilities Development Corp
Victoria Building and Standards Commission
Victoria City-County Health Department
Six Flags Historical Park Corporation
Victoria Recreation Association, Inc.

Provided opinions and litigation support for contested election issues, including City Charter provisions and contested smoking ordinance proposal that went to Texas Supreme Court and was later supported by 70% of City voters

Prepared disaster declarations & curfew orders for hurricanes and floods, assisted in FEMA reimbursement issues, trained by FEMA in local disaster response

Prosecuted misdemeanor cases in municipal court-conducted more than 150 bench trials and 15 jury trials.

Advised city departments concerning criminal, administrative, property, and other types of law.

Communicated with legislators in reference to passage of legislation.

1999 – 2002 Victoria College Adjunct Instructor – taught Introduction to Legal Systems and Business Organizations

1993 - 1995 Byington, Easton & Risley P.C., Austin, Texas

Attorney (General Civil and Criminal Practice)--Managed a caseload of more than 100 civil cases and 50 criminal cases simultaneously. Conducted discovery and trials in criminal and civil cases, including cases involving DTPA/contract law, family law, intellectual property law, and probate. Planned estates for taxes and creditor protection. Formed corporations, partnerships, limited partnerships, and trusts. Drafted contracts, petitions, injunctions, wills, and other legal documents. Negotiated civil litigation, property, and child custody settlement agreements. Researched state & federal litigation issues. Drafted briefs and motions. Acted as managing shareholder in a five attorney law office.

1992 Professor Stanley Johanson, U.T. School of Law

Research Assistant--Researched issues related to estate planning, wills, and trusts. Drafted educational materials, including part of Texas portion of Gilbert's Outline on Wills and Estates.

1985 - 1991 Various assignments for U.S. Army & U.S. Army Reserve – Private to 1st Lieutenant

549th Military Intelligence Bn. -- commanded 53-soldier unit & managed maintenance of \$20,000,000+ worth of equipment. Handled other miscellaneous duties as a military intelligence officer including intelligence collection, analysis, and dissemination.

413th Civil Affairs Bn. --- Developed methods & training for coordinating with foreign agencies & allied governments.

2/327th Infantry Bn. of 101st Airborne Division --- Infantry soldier, team leader

Activities: College of the State Bar of Texas
International Municipal Lawyers Association
Texas District and County Attorneys Association
Texas Municipal Courts Association
Victoria County Bar Association & Wichita County Bar Association
Texas City Attorneys Association
Board of Directors of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, an electricity purchasing group of 158 cities
AEP Electric Steering Committee, Oncor Electric Steering Committee, and Atmos Gas Steering Committee
Leadership Wichita Falls (alumni 2010) & Leadership Victoria (alumni 1995)
Active Merit Badge Counselor in Boy Scouts of America

Speeches & Papers:

- "Municipal Court – The Basics" presented to the Texas City Attorneys Association - 2010 Summer Conference
- "Zoning & Platting Basics" presented to the Wichita Falls Planning & Zoning Commission - October 2010
- "Basic Contract Clauses" presented to local chapter of the National Contract Managers Association - July 2011
- "Municipal Regulation and Contracting with Tow Trucking Companies" presented to the International Municipal Lawyers Association 2012 Mid Year Seminar
- "Smart Growth-A Global Perspective" presented to the International Municipal Lawyers Association 67th Annual Conference - October 2002

Awards: International Municipal Lawyers Association---Local Government Fellow -- since 2004
Texas City Attorneys Association Merit Certification in Municipal Law
University of Texas School of Law Dean's Achievement Award for Marital Relations & Divorce
University of Texas School of Law Dean's Achievement Award for Texas Civil Procedure
T. Boone Pickens Award for Academic Excellence at West Texas State University
Alpha Chi; Pi Gamma Mu; International Law Society