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Education:

Temple College (A.A.)
The University of Texas at Austin (B.A., J.D.)
Texas State University (M.P.A.)

Professional Experience:

Knight & Partners, Attorneys at Law. Partner engaged in the practice of municipal law and representation of local governments. Primary clients include numerous cities, groundwater district, special districts and related public entities and agencies. [February 2014-]

McKamie Krueger & Knight, LLP, Attorneys at Law. Partner engaged in engaged in the practice of municipal law. Primary clients include numerous cities served as city attorney, Texas counties, cities, municipal retirement system, special districts and related public entities. [May 2012-January 2014]

Knight & Partners, Attorneys at Law. Partner engaged in the practice of municipal law and public finance. Primary clients include numerous cities served as city attorney, Texas counties, cities, municipal retirement system, special districts and related public entities. [June 1995 to May 2012]

Bickerstaff, Heath & Smiley, Austin. Partner engaged in the representation of cities and counties on a state-wide basis. [Oct. 1989 to June 1995]

City of Austin, Texas -- 1985 to 1989. Deputy City Attorney [March 1985 - October 1986]; Acting Assistant City Manager [June 1985 -July 1986]; City Attorney [October 1986 - September 1989]; Acting Assistant City Manager [November 1987 - January 1989]; Acting City Manager [January 1989 - March 1989]; Acting Assistant City Manager [March 1989 - August 1989]; served as Interim Director of Emergency Medical Services, Interim Administrator of Brackenridge Hospital, and as a member of the Hospital Board.

City of Temple, Texas -- 1974 to 1985. City Attorney [March 1974 - March 1978]; Assistant City Manager [Mar. 1977 - Dec. 1978]; City Manager [Dec. 1978 - Mar. 1985].

Monteith, Baring and Nester, Houston. Attorney [July 1969 to Mar. 1974]. Attorney engaged primarily in construction, finance, real estate development and litigation.

Legal Experience:

Extensive experience in municipal law and local government, home-rule charters, economic development, public contracting and procurement, real estate, construction, finance, ethics, open meetings and records; frequent involvement in general business and corporate law; working

experience in every phase of municipal finance, bonds, short term notes, certificates of participation and obligation, conduit financings, assessments and industrial revenue bonds; and other public financing, including lease-purchase financing, establishing that home-rule cities can finance low and moderate income housing with tax obligations, and utilizing tax increment financing to finance industrial parks and development.

Litigation in every level of state court, federal district court, and the appeals courts in a variety of cases has included the litigation of complex construction cases on subjects from roadways, to water and sewage treatment plants, to nuclear power plants. Other subjects of litigation experience include: water rights; coal and gas contracts; antitrust; complex contract disputes; tort claims; legal malpractice; election and voting issues, inverse condemnation and open meeting violations. That litigation experience has included electric utility and telecommunication rates; the litigation of franchise, annexation, subdivision, land development regulation, nuisances and personal injury cases; and the condemnation of property for airports, highways, and utilities.

Current practice focuses on service as general counsel for cities and public agencies.

Licensed to Practice:

Supreme Court of the United States. United States Court of Appeals for the 5th Judicial Circuit.. United States District Court, Western District of Texas. The Supreme Court of Texas.

Memberships:

Texas Bar Association, Texas City Attorneys' Association, Texas City Managers' Association, International City Managers' Association

Selected Awards & Honors:

Distinguished Masters of Public Administration Alumnus, Southwest Texas State University, February 1999.

Texas City Management Association designated certified public management scholarship the "Barney L. Knight Texas CPM Scholarship", July 1998.

Distinguished Alumnus and Service Award, Masters of Public Administration Advisory Council, Southwest Texas State University, June 1993.

President, SWTSU Public Administration Alumni Association, 1990-1994.

Most Accessible Award, by the Austin Press Corps, March, 1988

Champion Award for Organizational Excellence, presented by the City Manager of the City of Austin, May, 1985

Best Friend Award, by Friends of Temple Public Library, April, 1984

Public Service Award, presented by the Plaza Forum (Temple Senior Citizen Organization), June, 1984

PI ALPHA ALPHA, National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, Nov. 1982

Temple's Boss of the Year, presented by Temple Jaycees, January, 1982

Selected Example Papers Presented and Published:

CREATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Maximizing Authority, Flexibility and Support, *TML Texas Town & City*, June 1991

TEXAS CITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Laredo, Texas 1987; "Capital Recovery Fees/Creative Financing"

BASIC CITY MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT COURSE, *The Texas Foundation for the Improvement of Local Government, Texas A&M University, 1985*; "What City Managers Should Know About Texas Law"

A SYMPOSIUM OF LAND USE CONTROL PROBLEMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN AREAS OF RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SWTSU, 1982; the Legal Parameters of Land Use Control. "Reasonable Use of Police Power in Land Use Control Ordinances"

ASPA REGION VIII CONFERENCE, Las Vegas 1984; "The Selection and Use of Consultants"

TCMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Austin, Texas, 1985; "Application of Employment at Will in a Modern Personnel Management Program"

CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL WATER UTILITIES SHORT SCHOOL, Waco, 1982; "Employee Motivation and Development"

TML BIG CITY RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, 1986 Houston, 1987 Austin; "Risk Management as an Interdepartmental Issue"