

**CITY OF KERRVILLE, TEXAS**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 19-2023**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF  
TWO ALTERNATE JUDGES TO ASSIST THE PRESIDING  
JUDGE OF THE CITY OF KERRVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kerrville hosts a municipal court within its territorial and jurisdictional limits; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the hosting process, City Council has appointed a presiding municipal court judge to preside over the court; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the demands currently placed upon the court and scheduling and manpower aspects, City Council finds it would be beneficial to appoint alternate judges who can preside at dates and times the presiding judge is unable to preside; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointed alternate municipal court judges possess the same authority and duties possessed by the presiding judge; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointed alternate municipal court judges are under the direction of the presiding judge and may be assigned additional duties and responsibilities consistent with the role of a municipal court judge as determined by the presiding judge; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expressly understood each municipal court judge is not an employee of the City or a local official and per the City's Charter, is a qualified attorney duly licensed to practice law within the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, by appointing multiple alternate municipal court judges from the same source, the City Council finds it simplifies matters for the court staff in order to maximize the ability to have an alternative judge available when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the alternate municipal court judges appointed by this Resolution have been determined to be qualified appointees for the positions and legally capable of serving in the capacities listed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF KERRVILLE, KERR COUNTY, TEXAS:**

**SECTION ONE.** City Council appoints Ryan Henry of the Law Offices of Ryan Henry to serve as the first alternate municipal court judge for the City of Kerrville Municipal Court.

**SECTION TWO.** City Council appoints Michael McCann of the Law Offices of Ryan Henry to serve as the second alternate municipal court judge for the City of Kerrville Municipal Court.

**SECTION THREE.** Each appointed alternate municipal court judge is under the direction of the presiding judge and may be assigned additional duties and responsibilities consistent with the role of a municipal court judge as determined by the presiding judge.

**SECTION FOUR.** Each alternate municipal judge possesses all the authority of any associate judge and are also magistrates pursuant to state law.

**SECTION FIVE.** City Council may remove any municipal court judge consistent with the laws of the State of Texas and applicable City Charter and ordinances.

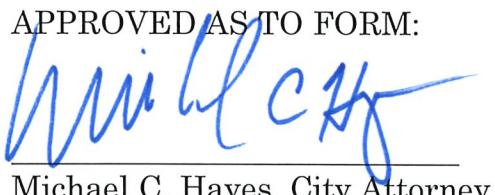
**SECTION SIX.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON this the 27 day of June A.D., 2023.**



Judy Eychner  
Judy Eychner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael C. Hayes

Michael C. Hayes, City Attorney

ATTEST:



Shelley McElhannon

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**Re: Municipal Court Judge Letter of Interest**

Dear Mike,

I am writing to express my interest in the alternate (backup) municipal court judge position that is available in the City of Kerrville. It is my understanding it is a court of non-record.

I am interested in serving the City of Kerrville in such a capacity. To give you a little background, I have been representing municipalities since before 1998.<sup>1</sup> Even before my admission to the State Bar of Texas, I clerked for the City of Lubbock City Attorney's office from 1996-1998 while in law school. In my final year of law school, I received a third-year practice card and was sent directly into municipal court to begin trying cases. I have been involved in municipal courts ever since.<sup>2</sup>

I currently serve as a municipal prosecutor in seven cities, am a city attorney in four cities, and am a municipal judge in three cities. I am the presiding judge for the cities of Ingram and West Lake Hills and am the alternate judge in the City of Bulverde. I have been a judge in West Lake Hills since 2019. I am also often called upon by the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center to speak at their seminars training clerks, prosecutors and judges. I am currently scheduled to speak at the regional judges' seminar on May 3, 2023, in Corpus Christi. I have been a regular speaker for them for over fifteen years.

Additionally, when asked about taking a judge appointment (whether as presiding or associate or alternate), I offer an additional option for the cities. I have several individuals who work for me who live and breath municipal court every day. I have three prosecutors (Joshua Galicia, Sonya Herrera, and Michael McCann) who are very knowledgeable in court. Joshua Galicia was appointed as an associate judge with me for the City of Bryan for a time. I also have a senior paralegal, Brenna Green, who has been helping me with municipal court for eleven years and knows more about court systems, operations, and handling defendants than most prosecutors. When the City of Ingram appointed me as their presiding municipal court judge, they also appointed Judge Green as my associate judge. As Ingram is a court of non-record, a judge does not have to be an attorney to sit. Judge Green covers for me when I am unable for whatever reason. However, because she is not an attorney, the fees paid are slightly less than for an attorney judge. While the City of Kerrville is only seeking an alternate judge position, appointing an

<sup>1</sup> I was admitted to practice law with the State Bar of Texas in November 1998.

<sup>2</sup> A direct link to my bio from my webpage can be found here. <https://rshlawfirm.com/attorneys-and-staff/ryan-scott-henry/>

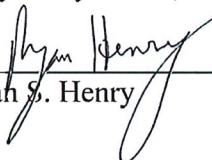
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additional one of these individuals as a secondary alternate or associate has served my other cities well, in the past. However, this is merely an offer that I extend any city which may be interested and it is not tied to my interest as serving the City as the alternate judge.

I would be happy to provide additional information or answer any questions that you may have about my qualifications. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information or if you would like to schedule an interview.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further with you.

Very Truly Yours,

  
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Ryan S. Henry

# Ryan Scott Henry

Ryan Henry graduated with honors from New Mexico State University with dual bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice and Psychology in 1995. He attended law school at Texas Tech School of Law and graduated in May 1998.

While attending law school, Ryan began clerking for the Lubbock City Attorney's Office. As a result, he began defending governmental entities even before passing the bar exam, and so began his career supporting local governments. Upon graduation, Ryan began working in Brownsville, Texas, with the same focus.

In June 2002, Ryan moved to San Antonio and joined a local law firm in a similar practice area. He launched the Law Offices of Ryan Henry, PLLC in 2012.

Ryan was named one of the best attorneys in municipal law by S.A. Scene Magazine in 2016 and 2017. He currently serves as chairman of the Government Law section of the State Bar of Texas.

## Bar Admissions

Texas, 1998

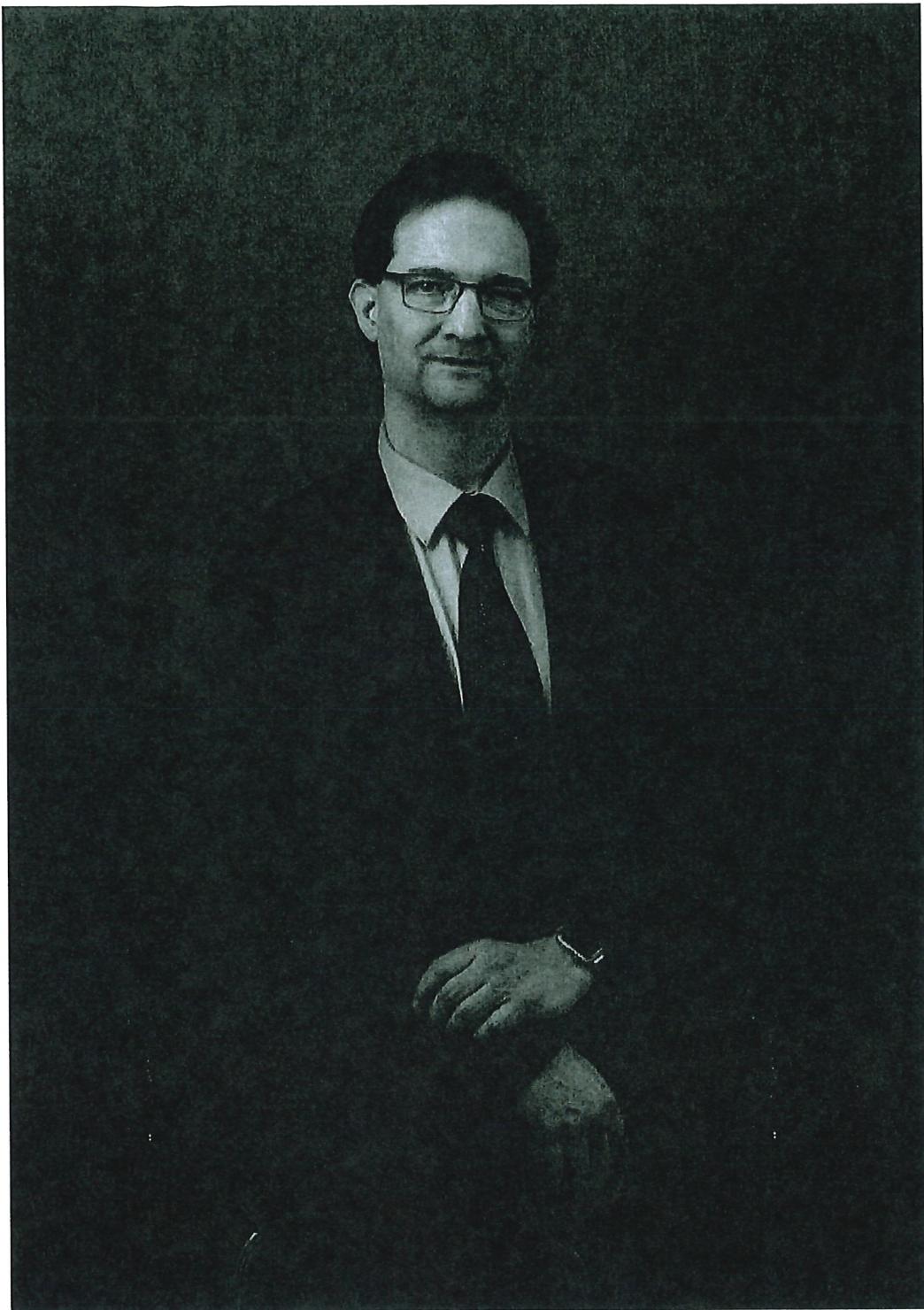
U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas, 1998

U.S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit, 2002

U.S. District Court Western District of Texas, 2002

U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas, 2004

U.S. District Court Eastern District of Texas, 2008



Managing Attorney

United States Supreme Court, 2011

**Just a few of the entities helped by  
Ryan (past and present).**

Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool (TML-IRP)  
Dallas County Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Health and Hospital System  
Town of Hollywood Park  
Town of Hollywood Park Economic Development Corporation  
City of Alamo Heights  
City of Laredo  
City of San Marcos  
City of New Braunfels  
Bridge City  
City of Bryan  
City of Windcrest  
Poteet Housing Authority  
Village of Pleak  
Devine Housing Authority  
City of Venus  
City of Godley  
City of Grey Forest

## **Professional Associations and Memberships**

Texas City Attorneys' Association  
Federal Bar Association  
State Bar Trial Section  
State Bar Appellate Section  
State Bar Government Law Council – Chairman, 2019-2020

# Michael McCann

Michael Steven McCann, Jr. was born and raised in Edinburg, Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas-Pan American with B.A. degrees, *cum laude*, in Political Science and Psychology, followed by a J.D. degree in 2016 from St. Mary's University School of Law.

During his law school years, Michael served as a staff writer and later as Associate Editor for *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Race and Social Justice*. He had the privilege of having his student comment, *No un Jurado De Mis Pares: Juror Exclusion of Limited English Proficient Speakers*, published by the Journal in the spring 2016 edition.

Michael started his career working in defense litigation, handling cases involving personal injury, construction defect, products liability and government entities. He is licensed to practice law in all Texas courts and also is licensed in the Western District of Texas.



Associate Attorney