

Abstract

Judge William C. (Bill) Sowder makes his living by assessing people, their actions and the circumstances surrounding them. After making his assessment of the situation, Judge Sowder applies the relevant law to the situation and renders important decisions.

Judge Sowder utilizes his experience, common sense, training and his education, which includes Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and Juris Doctorate degrees, to make the critical rulings that come before him. Before becoming a judge, he engaged in the general practice of law and served as the elected District Attorney for Lubbock County.

Judge Sowder presides over a busy docket of cases in the areas of family law and civil litigation. The civil litigation sometimes includes personal injury and contract cases that involve engineering and construction issues. He will share the dynamics of these cases and the issues that end up in court. He will also give advice on how to avoid being sued and winding up in court.

Perhaps the most important area that Judge Sowder will speak on is that of the human dynamics that are present in every area of employment, including those in the engineering arena. Judge Sowder is a frequent speaker to many different groups on numerous types of issues including law, ethics, leadership and quality of life. He presents to church groups, athletic teams, law enforcement, attorneys, students, teachers and numerous other groups. One of Judge Sowder's favorite inspirations is the life and sayings of the man who sits on that horse at the entrance of Texas Tech University. Judge Sowder will explain why that man is influential to him in living his everyday life.

Biosketch

Judge William C. (Bill) Sowder has been the judge of 99th district court of Lubbock county since he was appointed to the bench on Sept. 15, 2005. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, he received a law degree from Baylor University School of Law. He is the criminal district attorney for Lubbock County, where he has served since 1995. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, and the National District Attorneys Association. Sowder serves as a trustee of Wayland Baptist University, vice president of Youth Corps, board member of Family Coaching and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Shallowater. He also is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves serving as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) reserve officer at the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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