

Professional Experience

Attorney at Law

SHAWN M. MCDONALD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Houston, TX 3/2006-Present

- Private Practice; Criminal Law.

Assistant District Attorney

FORT BEND COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Richmond, TX 11/2004-3/2006

- Felony Division; Responsible for case evaluation, Grand Jury presentation, motion and plea dockets, jury trials, appeals, and asset forfeiture;
- Juvenile Division; Responsible for case evaluation, juvenile certification to adult court, determinate sentencing, Grand Jury presentation, disposition dockets, jury trials, and appeals.

Assistant District Attorney

HENDERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Athens, TX 7/2001-11/2004

- Felony Division; Responsible for case evaluation and preparation, Grand Jury presentation, motion and plea dockets, jury trials, appeals, and asset forfeiture.
- Law enforcement liaison to the Henderson County Narcotics Task Force;
- Lead counsel in over forty felony jury trials;
- Certificate of Appreciation from the Henderson County Help Center for prosecution of sexual assault of children cases.

Law Clerk

TEXAS COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, Austin, TX Summer 1999

- Researching and drafting appellate opinions for Presiding Judge Michael McCormick;
- Extensive legal research and writing demands, ability to precisely and accurately articulate critical issues in Federal and State Constitutional law, and drafting opinions that interpret and shape the criminal laws of in the State of Texas.

Education

Juris Doctorate

Dec. 2000

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, San Antonio, TX

- Concentration in State and Federal criminal law and procedure;
- Finisher of Team in Training marathon for American Cancer Society; Anchorage, Alaska;
- Pro Bono certificate of service;
- Volunteer; Tax preparation clinic and ask a lawyer clinic for indigent citizens.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice

Dec. 1997

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE, Charlotte, NC

License and Memberships

Licensed by the Texas Supreme Court to Practice Law, May 2001 - Present;
Licensed by the United States Federal Court for the Southern District, May 2006 - Present;
Member of the Texas District and County Attorney's Association, July 2001 - Present;
Member of the Fort Bend County Bar Association, May 2006 - Present;
Member of the Fort Bend County Criminal Defense Association, May 2006 - Present.