

Mission Accomplished: Envisioning Success

Clerk of the Year Award Nominee Region 4 Nominee



Hon. Nancy E. Rister

County: Williamson
Position: County Clerk
Years in Office: 26 years

List of Association Committees Served:

Audit Committee	2017-current
Supreme Court Rules Advisory Committee	2019-current
County Clerk's Manual	2012-2014; 2017-2018
ReSearchTX Committee	2017-2019
Office of Court Administration (OCA) Advisory Committee	2013-2014
Scholarship Committee	2008-2009
Electronic Recording Advisory Committee	2005-2006
Legislative Committee	2002-2004

List of other "Association" Notable Services:

Speaker-Official Public Records Winter Conference	2020
Co-Speaker-County Clerk Fees Fall Conference	2019
Panelist-County Clerk's List serve	2018
Speaker-E-recording of OPR Fall Conference	2018
Speaker-Pre-Winter Conference Session	2017
Speaker-Re-SearchTX Region 4 & 6	2017
Co-Speaker CDCAT Winter Conference	2017
Co-Speaker UT Law OPR Paper/Electronic	2016
Panelist-County Clerk networking UT Conf.	2011
Secretary/Treasurer CDCAT Region 4	2010-2017
Treasurer CDCAT Region 4	2017-current
Speaker-NAGARA Winter Forum	2018
Co-Host CDCAT Region 4 meeting	2008
Panelist for Marriage License Issuance Vitals Conference	2006
Urban Records Alliance-Treasurer	2004-2017
Urban Records Alliance President	2017-current
Panelist County Clerk Networking Panel-A&M	2004
Speaker on ID Theft-UT Law Conference	2003
Certified Investment Officer Accredited by TAC	2003-2018
Wilco Grand Jury member	1996

List of Personal Information and Civic Service:

Williamson County Bail Bond Board	1998-current
Georgetown Noon Lions	1998-current
Sun City Republican Club	2008; 2012; 2016-current
GISD Mentoring Program-Professional Day	2012
Central Tx Chapter of Prop Records Ed Partners Co-sponsor	2011
Legislative Budget Board Resource	2003-2009
TAC Certified Investment Officer	2003-current
Georgetown Main Street Advisory Board	2004-2005
Georgetown Area Republican Women	2000-current
Georgetown United Way Board	2000-2003

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TAC Best Practices Award	2002
San Gabriel Breakfast Kiwanis	1998-2008
Property Records Industry Association	2003-Current
TX Judicial Council's Judicial Data Management Project	
Bachelor of Business Administration-UT Permian Basin	1982
Board member, Sec., VP & Pres. of Permian Basin Center for Battered Women & Their Children	1984-1989
Married to Milton Rister	1983

It has been an honor to be a part of CDCAT for 25 years and nominated again by our Region 4 clerks. What a great group! I missed seeing them because of COVID19. We are a "hugging group". I realize what a great group of folks we have in our association. They are all worthy of nomination with what we have to deal with and now on top of our sometimes-stressful jobs, we are now being charged by the legislature and OCA to monitor our judges.

I began this journey as a much younger mom who had stayed at home in Midland with one child during the early years after working for many years in various jobs from a dentist office to an oil & gas consulting company while going to classes at night to finish my degree, to running the accounting department at a country club, to doing books from home for a printing company. Ten years after we moved to Georgetown, the county clerk died in a boating accident. Our whole county was devastated. We were much smaller in population in those days. I never imagined myself working as a clerk but maybe in the county judge's office. When folks started to throw their hat into the ring to be put on the upcoming general election ballot, I saw none who had the experience with budgets and details like I did as I worked and attended college to obtain my accounting degree from UTPB in Odessa. I had inherited from my father an eye for detail and a habit of keeping things forever. All of that seemed to fit right in with being a clerk. I didn't have the courage to try it on my own but I knew better than to argue with God when He calls you step out in faith. This holds true today. I've never looked back but often look upward for help. I lost a lot of weight in the beginning while drinking from the fire hose of knowledge, which is the only way I can describe my first couple of years as clerk. I have learned things I never dreamed of learning and dreamed about solving problems or people with problems that I had never encountered before, that is, when I am able to get any sleep. I pushed myself and my staff to have the highest of standards, to keep learning and improving processes even when judges were against my desires to push ahead. It seems you have to push against other departments who may make rules that they require you follow which may interfere with your "sphere of authority" given to you by the Texas Constitution and laws. The work ethic I learned while growing up in Terry County is one that I shall never forget until I take my last breath. The stubborn attitude that I seem to have been born with makes the slogan "Don't Mess with Texas" more like "Don't Mess with Nancy". They tell young attorneys not to make the clerk of the court mad, which is a wise piece of advice. My staff respects me as they always know where they stand with me and they know if they follow our policies and laws, I will always back them up. As I am now older and wiser, I have grown a solid spine and won't back down except maybe to anyone of my 5 sweet grandchildren. I know for sure that "Clerks Rule" and others don't! You know you sacrifice many things to be a public official. Your family most notably misses you when you have to be at a function for your job. Time goes by quickly. Make the most of your time by taking one day at a time and doing your best, being your best and give God the glory. Be humble with no regrets.