

# Douglas I. Richards

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## **Experience**    **Law Office of Douglas Richards:** Denver, Colorado

Criminal Defense Attorney: June 2010 - Present

- Aggressive representation of Coloradans facing state or federal criminal charges.

## **United States Attorney's Office – Western District of Texas:** Del Rio, Texas

*Assistant United States Attorney: September 2008 – June 2010*

- Lead counsel in four jury trials resulting in convictions on all counts.
- Utilized Title III wiretaps as lead attorney in FBI public corruption investigations.
- Prosecuted large-scale drug trade organizations and international criminal travel networks / human smuggling rings.
- Worked with Special Agents from FBI, DEA, and ICE, on long-term OCDETF investigations.
- Maintained a TOP SECRET security clearance.
- Specialized Training:
  - Southwest Border Firearms Trafficking: August 2009, Columbia, South Carolina
  - Grand Jury Seminar: April 2009, Columbia, South Carolina
  - Basic Money Laundering Seminar: March 2009, Columbia, South Carolina
  - Criminal Immigration Seminar: March 2009, Columbia, South Carolina
  - Title III Seminar: February 2009, Columbia, South Carolina
  - Sentencing Issues in 8 U.S.C §1326: December 2008, Del Rio, Texas
  - AUSA Training: November 2008, San Antonio, Texas
  - Federal Criminal Practice Seminar: October 2008, Columbia, South Carolina

## **Harris County District Attorney's Office:** Houston, Texas

*Assistant District Attorney: December 2004 – August 2008*

- Lead counsel in over 70 misdemeanor and felony jury trials.
- Prosecuted felony cases such as murders, armed robberies, sexual assaults of adults and children, and kidnapping.
- Involved in continuous case preparation of a revolving 100 case docket from intake to grand jury to disposition, conducting bond and adjudication hearings, court and jury trials.
- Supervised and trained junior prosecutors as a Chief Prosecutor in the Misdemeanor Division.
- Was assigned to the Juvenile Division prosecuting criminal offenses committed by juveniles the majority of which were aggravated robbery, sexual assault, and indecency with a child.
- Worked closely with law enforcement officers in filing criminal charges and writing search and arrest warrants.
- Dispatched to crime scenes to assist and direct police investigations into fatality crashes as a member of the Vehicular Crimes Team.
- Specialized Training:
  - Investigating & Prosecuting Crimes Against Children: April 2008, Austin, Texas
  - Prosecuting Homicide Cases: September 2007, Providence, Rhode Island
  - Intoxication Manslaughter School: March 2007, Kerrville, Texas
  - Accident Reconstruction for Prosecutors: December 2005, Houston, Texas
  - NCIC/TCIC training: March 2005, Houston, Texas
  - Prosecutor Trial Skills Seminar: January 2005, Austin Texas
- Speeches & Presentations:
  - Prosecuting the Drug Impaired Driver: July 2008
  - Houston Police Department Accident Investigation School: July 2008
  - Prosecutor Trial Skills Course: July 2007, Austin, Texas
  - Texas District & County Attorney's Association / Anheuser-Busch DWI Summit: March 7, 2007
  - Prosecuting DWI's for Dummies: April 5 & 12, 2007
  - MADD Take Back The Wheel: April 10, 2007
  - Criminal Concerns for Civil Process Servers: Summer 2006 & 2007

*Intern, Special Crimes Bureau / Asset Forfeiture: January 2003 – December 2004*

- Managed a revolving docket of 75+ seizure and forfeiture cases.
- Reviewed underlying criminal case, consulted with police officers from various agencies, prepared and propounded civil discovery, negotiated settlements with defense attorneys, deposed respondents and witnesses, contacted and interviewed eyewitnesses.
- First chaired bench trials, argued motions in court.

*Intern, 184<sup>th</sup> Criminal District Court: Summer 2003*

- Worked directly under the Chief Prosecutor on a capital murder case where the State obtained a conviction and the defendant was sentenced to death.
- Researched and analyzed critical issues pertaining to the use of extraneous offenses and the jury charge, organized police reports, contacted witnesses, attended pre-trial hearings and witness interviews.

**Magistrate Judge Nancy K. Johnson, United States District Court, Southern District of Texas**

*Intern: Summer 2002*

- Drafted three opinions for a variety of civil lawsuits.
- Gained insight into judicial decision-making and court process through discussions with Judge Johnson.

## **Awards**

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, *Award of Recognition*; August 7, 2009

Mothers Against Drunk Driving, *Award of Recognition*; August 6, 2008

Harris County District Attorney, *Award of Appreciation*; August 22, 2008

Harris County District Attorney's Office, *Outstanding Contribution to Traffic Safety*; September 9, 2008

## **Education**

**South Texas College of Law: Houston, Texas**

*Juris Doctor, May 2004*

Activities: Varsity Negotiation Team: *ABA Regional Negotiation Competition, Fall 2002*

Mock Trial: *Dunn, Kacal, Adams, Pappas & Law Mock Trial Competition, Fall 2002;*

*T. Gerald Treece Mock Trial Academy Tournament, Summer 2003*

Phi Delta Phi Award for highest grade in *Criminal Trial Advocacy*

Texas Entertainment and Sports Law Journal

Sports & Entertainment Law Society

**Rollins College: Winter Park, Florida**

*Bachelor of Arts in English, June 1998*

Activities: WPRK 91.5 FM: *Host, producer and writer for two weekly radio shows*

Varsity Water-Ski Team: *Two national tournaments*

## **Associations**

National College for DUI Defense

Colorado Criminal Defense Bar

Colorado Bar Association

Texas Bar Association

American Bar Association

## **Admitted**

**STATE**

**FEDERAL**

Colorado

United States Supreme Court

Texas

Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

District of Colorado

Western District of Texas

## **Interests**

Mountain biking

Snowboarding

Traveling

Triathlon