

12th O.U.R. Fall Conference

PLENARY SPEAKER

The Honorable Gordon Friesz

Family Court Judge 317th Civil District Court Jefferson County, Texas

Live Oak Ballroom, Setzer Student Center 1:15 to 2:00 PM - November 14, 2025

SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Gordon Friesz was born and raised in Nederland, TX. He is a lifelong resident of Jefferson County, and his roots run deep. He is a graduate of Nederland High School and Lamar University. After graduating from Lamar, he taught and coached for a brief period, and then attended South Texas Law School graduating in 2003. As an attorney, Gordon has devoted hundreds of hours of family law pro bono services. He has served as Vice President, Treasurer and Director of the Jefferson County Bar Association. Gordon is a past board member and volunteer with CASA, United Way, Nederland Little Dribblers and Nederland Little League. Gordon has had a law practice in Jefferson County since 2004. He has handled thousands of family law cases -divorces, child custody and CPS matters. He has served as a family law mediator in Jefferson County and surrounding areas. He is a Partner at Wells, Peyton, Partain, Baldo & Lighty, LLP. He is endorsed by the overwhelming majority of the practicing family lawyers in Jefferson County, and the Sabine Area Central Labor Council. Gordon Friesz now serves as Judge of the 317th Civil District Court, where he continues his commitment to fairness, integrity, and service to the people of Jefferson County.

