Geoffrey I. Barr

Former Criminal District Attorney for Comal County (Appointed & Elected)
Statewide Criminal Prosector for Texas Attorney General's Office
Board Certified in Criminal Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Attorney General – Deputy Division Chief – Division Chief **Jan. 2015—Present**

- Prosecute high-profile and complex criminal offenses throughout the State of Texas.
- Recognized by the Texas Attorney General and the Texas Department of Public Safety Commission for the successful verdict in the complex murder trial of *State v. Robert Fabian.* The jury convicted Fabian of murdering Zuzu Verk, a case that generated national attention.
- Represented the State of Texas on appeal in multiple appellate court districts.
- Advise and assisted law enforcement in major crime investigations.
- Collaborate with colleagues to ensure best practices and strategies.

Assistant Attorney General – Human Trafficking **Mar. 2012—Jan. 2015**

- Successfully tried seven human trafficking cases in Texas and federal courts under Attorney General Greg Abbott in a three-year span.
- Defended a human trafficking conviction at oral argument before the Waco Court of Appeals that resulted in a published opinion upholding the conviction. *Kelly v. State*, 453 S.W.2d 634 (Tex. App.—Waco 2015, pet. ref'd).
- Testified as resource witness before committees of the Texas Legislature concerning human trafficking legislation.
- Conducted trainings in human trafficking investigation and prosecution techniques.

Barr Law, P.L.L.C. **May 2011—Mar. 2012**

Attorney

- Operated a general legal practice representing clients in municipal law, estate planning, probate, employment, construction, corporate governance, criminal defense, and real estate matters.
- Defended county governments on claims of discriminatory employment practices and section 1983 excessive force claims in federal lawsuits in the Western District of Texas.

Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, P.C. **Jan. 2011—May 2011**

Senior Associate

- Represented governmental entities in transactional and litigation arenas that included governmental authority, governmental liability, workers compensation retaliation, nuisance abatements, open meetings, county clerk authority, and construction matters.

Comal County Criminal District Attorney **April 2007—Dec. 2010**

Criminal District Attorney

- Initially appointed by Governor Rick Perry in 2007 and subsequently elected in 2008.
- Led a 30-member office of attorneys, legal assistants, and investigators.
- Managed approximately 4,000 criminal cases annually.
- Provided general legal counsel to Comal County and its officials.
- Prosecuted numerous high-profile offenses, including homicides.
- Appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve as the state prosecutor representative on the Texas Violent Gang Task Force, a statutory committee charged with providing a gang intelligence sharing network among local, state, and federal criminal justice professionals.

- Defended Comal County at oral argument before the Austin Court of Appeals concerning the county's authority to prevent the sale of combustibles during proclaimed drought disasters. The case earned statewide attention concerning the scope of county authority and led to legislative changes further promoting such authority.

Chief Civil Prosecutor **Jan. 2005—April 2007**

- Promoted to manage the civil division of the district attorney's office, which included attorneys and staff responsible for prosecution of juveniles, child protective services, domestic violence, and asset forfeitures matters.
- Provided general legal counsel to Comal County and its officials.
- Prosecuted felony offenses at trial and on appeal.

Assistant District Attorney **Jan. 2003—Jan. 2005**

- Primarily served as general counsel to Comal County and the Comal County Commissioners Court in a wide array of areas affecting county authority, governance, economic development, employment, litigation, public information, land development, and more.
- Prosecuted felony offenses at trial.

The Law Office of Geoffrey I. Barr **Nov. 2000—Dec. 2002**

Attorney

- Operated a general legal practice representing clients in basic estate planning, probate, family law, contracts, criminal defense, and commercial collections matters.
- Litigated commercial claims as local counsel for Rush Enterprises, Inc., the largest network of Peterbilt heavy truck dealerships in North America.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas State University **Aug. 2016—Present**

Lecturer – Department of Criminal Justice

- Teach in-person CJ2350 Courts and Criminal Procedure to undergraduate criminal justice students.

United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Texas **May 2012—June 2016**

Special Assistant United States Attorney

- Prosecuted human trafficking cases at jury trial in federal court in the Western District of Texas.

PUBLISHED PROFESSIONAL ARTICLES

- Barr, G. (2013). *Child Prostitution and Human Trafficking*. State Bar of Texas 26th Annual Juvenile Law Conference, Robert O. Dawson Juvenile Law Institute.
- Barr, G. (2004). *The Disabled and Sixty-Five and Over Tax Freeze: A Legal Roadmap*, Texas County Progress: The Business Magazine of Texas County Government.

RELEVANT CONTINUING EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

- Speaker – The Center for American and International Law's Capital and Non-Capital Trial Skills for the Prosecution Conference (July 2025).
- Speaker – Texas District and County Attorney Association's Annual Criminal and Civil Law CLE (September 2014).
- Speaker – Texas Young Lawyers Association's Panel Presentation *Slavery Out of the Shadows: Spotlight on Human Trafficking* CLE (Austin, May 2013).
- Speaker – Texas District and County Attorney Association's *Investigating and Prosecuting Crimes against Children* CLE (April 2013).
- Speaker – State Bar of Texas 26th Annual Juvenile Law Conference, Robert O. Dawson Juvenile Law Institute CLE (February 2013).
- Speaker – Texas District and County Attorney Association's Elected Prosecutor Conference CLE (December 2012).
- Speaker – Texas Juvenile Justice Department's 2012 Texas Statewide Juvenile Justice Summit CLE (June 2012).
- Speaker – Houston Regional Gang Conference CLE (Houston, February 2012).
- Served as Visual Trials Instructor at the National District Attorney's Association Trial Advocacy I Course at the National Advocacy Center. (Columbia, South Carolina 2010).
- Numerous speaking engagements for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
- Recognized in two documentaries: *Slavery Out of the Shadows: Spotlight on Human Trafficking* and *Be the One in the Fight Against Human Trafficking* and the *Texas Bar Journal* for human trafficking efforts.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Texas **2000**
State Bar No. 24027277

Colorado **2011**
State Bar No. 43356

EDUCATION

St. Mary's University School of Law **2000**
Juris Doctor
- Staff Writer, *St. Mary's Law Journal*

The University of Texas at Austin **1996**
Bachelor of Arts in History
- Texas Silver Spurs and BEVO XIII Handler