

KRIS BENN KRISHNA

EXPERIENCE

WEBB-ZAPATA COUNTIES DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Laredo, TX

Border Prosecution Unit – Regional Counsel

August 2019 – Present

- Serves as a liaison between the various District Attorneys' offices in the region, the Texas Department of Public Safety ("DPS") and other criminal justice entities in the region
- Provides technical and legal assistance and training to criminal investigators from DPS and other law enforcement agencies within the region
- Prosecutes cases involving border crimes in any jurisdiction within the region and within Border Prosecution Unit counties

GRAND PRAIRIE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Grand Prairie, TX

Assistant City Attorney – Prosecutor

February 2015 – July, 2019

- Represented the city in all municipal court matters involving citations issued by police, code and housing enforcement officers
- Researched, reviewed, and analyzed criminal statutes and case law; assists court personnel as required
- Advised police officers regarding legal issues pertaining to detection, investigation, and prosecution of criminal cases

TARRANT COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Fort Worth, TX

Assistant District Attorney – Civil

July 2014 – February 2015

- Prepared cases for involuntary mental health commitment hearings
- Initiated removal proceedings for elderly and disabled persons for Adult Protective Services
- Represented the county in occupational driver's license hearings

Assistant District Attorney - Criminal

March 2011 – June 2014

- Presented cases to Grand Jury, conducted hearings and tried over 30 Jury cases
- Interpreted and applied laws, court decisions and other legal authorities for use in preparation of cases, opinions, and briefs
- Negotiated plea agreements with opposing counsel, prepared pleadings and other legal documents in connection with trials

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW, Houston, TX

Instructor, Academic Support

December 2009 – March 2011

- Taught Bar Essay Writing course to third-year law students
- Instructed first year law students in the specialized 1L Academic Skills Academy
- Provided counseling to all years of students

EDUCATION

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW, Houston, TX

Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 2009 GPA: 3.26/4.0, magna cum laude, certified in Government Law

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY, San Marcos, TX

Bachelor of Arts, May 2002 GPA: 3.72/4.0