

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Steve Bickerstaff  
(March, 2011)

### **Professional History**

#### 2000 –2012

Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law (2000-2011) teaching courses on constitutional law, the law of democracy, voting rights, election law, international election principles, campaign finance law, public policy litigation, local government law and telecommunications law and policy.

Member of the American Bar Association Project on International Principles for Elections (2006-2008).

Chairman of the Mergers and Acquisitions and Internal Operations Committees of the Board of Directors of Corporate Systems, Inc. (CSI) (2003-2004). The corporation was sold in 2004 to Marsh USA.

Professor of Law, Executive Masters of European and International Business Law Programme, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland (2000-2005) lecturing on international telecommunications law and policy.

Member of the Carter Center election procedures advisory team for Peoples Republic of China (2003-2005).

Rockefeller Foundation Scholar with residency at the Rockefeller Study and Conference Center in the Villa Serbelloni, Bellagio, Italy (2002).

Special Legal Advisor on Election Matters for Attorney General of Texas and Texas Legislative Redistricting Board (2001).

Fulbright Scholar with a grant for teaching and lecturing in Germany (2000).

Visiting Professor, University of Goettingen, Germany lecturing on the law and policy of global communications for classes consisting primarily of students in the post-graduate law program (2000).

#### 1969-1999

Bickerstaff, Heath and Smiley (1980–1998). Mr. Bickerstaff founded this firm in 1980. The firm [now Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta] grew to 50 attorneys while Mr. Bickerstaff was at the firm. It remains one of the premier election and public policy law firms in the country. More information about the firm is available at [www.bickerstaff.com](http://www.bickerstaff.com). The law firm also is a leader nationwide in achieving diversity among its attorneys. For at least eight years it was the largest women-owned law firm in the nation. Also, for 28 years, 20% or more of the attorneys and the partners have been racial or ethnic minorities. .

Bickerstaff withdrew from the firm in 1998 in conjunction with his decision to teach, travel and focus on CSI matters as a member of the CSI board. He formally retired from the law firm in 2003. The firm continues to bear his surname.

Full-time Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law (1998-2000, 2010-2012) teaching courses on: Constitutional Law: Redistricting Texas, International Election Principles, Telecommunications Regulation and Policy; Constitutional Law: The Political Process; Federal and State Election Law; State and Local Government Law; and a seminar on Contemporary Issues in Telecommunications Regulation.

Part-time Professor, University of Texas School of Law (1992 – 1997) teaching a seminar on public policy litigation [e.g. voting rights, public school finance, institutional litigation].

Associated Member, Faculty of the Telecommunications and Information Policy Institute at the University of Texas (1999- 2004).

Associate Attorney, Oppenheimer, Rosenberg, Kelleher and Wheatley (1979–1980) working primarily on contested administrative and litigation matters for Southwest Airlines.

Assistant Attorney General of Texas (1976–1979). Initially a Special Assistant to the Attorney General and later Chief of the State and County Affairs Division (The largest division in the Office of Attorney General).

Parliamentarian for the Texas Senate and for the Texas Senate Sitting as a Court of Impeachment (1974–1976).

Legal Counsel for the Texas Constitutional Revision Commission and the Texas Legislature Sitting As a Constitutional Convention (1973–1974) and Director of the Legislative Council Office of Constitutional Research (1974–1975).

United States Air Force (1968–1972 [active duty 1971–1972]).

Associate Editor, Texas Law Review (1969–1970).

## Law Practice

Mr. Bickerstaff is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, all four federal districts in Texas, and the state courts of Texas. Over 30 years until he left private practice, Mr. Bickerstaff specialized primarily in the representation of clients in three distinct sectors – telecommunications regulation, election or voting rights law, and public policy civil litigation.

Election and Voting Rights Law. During the past five decades Bickerstaff has counseled state and local governments on redistricting and voting rights matters and has represented such governments in state and federal court and before the United States Department of Justice. Among the over 20 major reported districting and election law cases in which he was counsel of record are: *Seamon v. Upham*; *United States v. City of Houston*; *Upham v. White*; *Clements v. Valles*; *McNeil v. City of Springfield, Illinois*; *Terrazas v. Clements*; *Campos v. City of Houston*; *Overton v. City of Austin*; *Chen v. City of Houston*; *Graves v. Barnes*; *LULAC v. Perry and Cuellar v. Rodriguez*. Also during this time, he represented individual candidates on state and federal campaign finance issues and in election

recount and contest proceedings, including the only three statewide recounts in Texas history.

Telecommunications. Mr. Bickerstaff has represented many different communications companies before the Federal Communications Commission, the U.S. Congress, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Texas Legislature and state regulatory commissions in approximately fifteen states. He also has frequently appeared in federal or state court on behalf of such companies and has counseled such companies on the legal aspects of business, competition, and policy related matters. He was particularly active in telecommunications during the 1980s and early 1990s in adversarial proceedings arising from the breakup of the AT&T monopoly and the advent of competition in telecommunications.

Other Litigation. Mr. Bickerstaff was counsel in several other major public policy cases, including a lawsuit that resulted in the largest judgment ever rendered against the State of Texas (\$203 million), a lawsuit that required the state to timely remove convicted felons from county jails statewide to relieve jail overcrowding, litigation that preserved \$3.6 billion of the state's settlement with the tobacco companies for local governments, and litigation affecting public funding of education.

A list of the major court and administrative proceedings in which Mr. Bickerstaff served as legal counsel is available on request.

## **Publications**

### Books

**LINES IN THE SAND** (Published by the University of Texas Press, 2007; reprinted in 2010). The book tells the saga of the controversial 2003 congressional redistricting in Texas, along with the 2002 elections that paved the way for the redistricting and the civil and criminal litigation that followed those elections. Mr. Bickerstaff later testified as an expert witness in the criminal trial of Mr. Tom DeLay (2010);

**THE HISTORY OF REDISTRICTING IN TEXAS (1846-2010)** (Published through the University of Texas Law School (2011);

**PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL ELECTIONS** (Published by the American Bar Association, 2009) Mr. Bickerstaff is one of eight co-authors. He wrote the chapter entitled *Post-Election Challenges to Elections Worldwide*;

**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: AN ANNOTATED AND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS** (1976) (two volumes) (Published by the Texas Legislative Council Press). Mr. Bickerstaff was one of eight co-authors;

**REAPPORTIONMENT BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: A GUIDE FOR THE 1980'S** (1980) (Published by the Texas Legislative Council Press).

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIAN IN THE TEXAS SENATE (1975)  
(Privately published)

Law Journal Articles:

- Post-Election Challenges to Elections Worldwide*, part of an American Bar Association report on the principles of international elections (2008);
- The Authority of the Governor of Texas to Mandate State Agency Action by Executive Order* (2008);
- Recommendations on Elections in the People's Republic of China* (Fall 2004, Duke University, printed primarily in Chinese).
- Post-Election Legal Strategy in Florida: The Anatomy of Defeat and Victory*, 34 LOYOLA CHICAGO LAW JOURNAL 149 (Fall 2002);
- Counts, Recounts and Election Contests: The Lessons of the Presidential Election in Florida*, 29 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 425 (Winter 2002);
- Effects of the Voting Rights Act on Reapportionment and Hispanic Voting Strength in Texas*, 6 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HISPANIC JOURNAL OF LAW AND POLICY 99 (Summer 2001);
- Shackles on the Giant: How the Federal Government Created Microsoft, Personal Computers and the Internet*, 78 TEXAS LAW REVIEW 1 (November, 1999);
- Risks for the Internet: The Era of Network Computing*, 6 MULTIMEDIA und RECHT 321 (June 2000);
- The Significance of the Microsoft Antitrust Proceeding to Global Communications*, 3/2000 ZEITSCHRIFT DER DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHEN JURISTEN-VEREINIGUNG 78 (October 2000);
- Remarks on the Decision in AT&T v. City of Portland: Competitor Access to Broadband Interactive Cable Networks*, 4/2000 COMPUTER und RECHT INTERNATIONAL 114 (November 2000);
- Recent Developments in United States Telecommunications and Internet Law*, MULTIMEDIA und RECHT (February 2001);
- Preserving the Opportunity for Education: Texas' Alternative Education Programs for Disruptive Youth*, 8 EDUCATION & LAW JOURNAL 359 (1998) (The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada) (This is a reprint of the article published in 1997 by the University of South Carolina [see below]);
- Voting Rights Challenges to School Boards in Texas: What's Next?* 49 BAYLOR LAW REVIEW 1017 (1997);
- Preserving the Opportunity for Education: Texas' Alternative Education Programs for Disruptive Youth*, 26 JOURNAL OF LAW AND EDUCATION 1 (1997) (University of South Carolina);
- Reapportionment by State Legislatures: A Guide for the 1980's*, 34 SOUTHWESTERN LAW JOURNAL 607 (1980); and
- The Proposed Revision of the Texas Constitution*, 29 SOUTHWESTERN LAW JOURNAL 477 (1975).

#### Other Articles:

*Dividing Travis County Among Five Congressional Districts*, published as a guest opinion in the Austin American-Statesman Newspaper (April, 2012);

*A Matter of Trust*, published as a guest opinion in the Austin American-Statesman Newspaper (May 2012);

*A Dual System of Regulation*, THE TEXAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS REVIEW 76 (1998) (The Telecommunications and Information Policy Institute, The University of Texas);

*State Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment in Texas: A Historical Perspective*, XXXVII PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMENT 1 (No. 2, Winter 1991) (Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs);

*Attorney General Gonzales Should Resign*, published as an op-ed article in the Austin American-Statesman (2007);

*The Tragedy of Tom DeLay*, published as an op-ed article under slightly different titles in six Texas newspapers, including the Austin American-Statesman and San Antonio Express News (2006);

*A Texas Tragedy: How Texas Lost the Opportunity for Cleaner Air*, published as an op-ed article under slightly different titles in the Dallas Morning News and Austin American-Statesman newspapers (2002);

*Rolling Redistricting*, published as an op-ed under slightly different titles in the Dallas Morning News and Austin American-Statesman newspapers (March 1, 2006);

*The Crisis in the Overcrowding of County Jails and Why the State of Texas is Responsible*, published as an op-ed article under slightly different titles in the Houston Chronicle, Dallas Morning News and Austin American-Statesman newspapers (1993); and.

*State Regulation of Shared Telecommunications Services*, TELEMATICS (March 1985).

Mr. Bickerstaff has published many additional newspaper op-eds and minor articles on election and public policy issues in telecommunications trade journals, state bar journals, local government association journals, and op-ed sections of major Texas newspapers.

#### Guest Lectures

##### 2011-2012

Mr. Bickerstaff was a speaker at numerous conferences dealing with redistricting.

##### 2010

Mr. Bickerstaff was the chief organizer and primary speaker at a joint seminar between the University of Texas School of Law and the Electoral High Court of Mexico.

##### 2000-2008.

Mr. Bickerstaff was an invited Lecturer at many conferences and symposia in the United States and Europe, including fourteen different

universities in Europe. In 2008, he presented a public lecture in London at the invitation of the London School of Economics and spoke at a symposium in Caen, France on international redistricting and elections..

As the William P. Hobby Distinguished Lecturer, Bickerstaff presented a talk about *Forces of Change: Reappraising the Ideals and Institutions of American Democracy* (October 2000).

#### 1980-2007

Mr. Bickerstaff was a guest lecturer at many government, national and state telecommunications association, bar association and other organization conferences and symposia.

### **Personal**

Born: April 15, 1946 in Sweetwater, Texas  
Education: BA - University of Texas at Austin (History)  
JD - University of Texas School of Law  
Family: Married to Charlotte Carter, with two daughters and three granddaughters  
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### **Community and Corporate Involvement**

Member, National Council of the National Parks Conservation Association  
Member, Advisory Council of the William P. Hobby Center for Public Service  
Chairman-Elect, Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors for the University of Texas McDonald Observatory  
Member, Littlefield Society of the University of Texas  
Member, Chancellor's Council of the University of Texas  
Member, Dean's Roundtable of the University of Texas School of Law  
Secretary, Board of Directors, Trustees for Alaska (2002-2008);  
Secretary, Board of Directors, Marfa Public Radio Corporation (2005-2010)  
Member, Board of Trustees of Corporate Systems, Inc. (1998-2004)  
Member, Board of Compadres del Rancho Grande (a visitors' organization supporting the State Big Bend Park)

An Endowed Presidential Scholarship in the name of Steve Bickerstaff was established in 2002 at the University of Texas Law School by his former law firm

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