



## Hon. Stephen B. Ables Kerrville, Texas

### **Professional Licenses**

Manoussou Mediation and Arbitration LLC, Advanced 30 Hour Family Mediation Training, 2019

### **Professional Associations**

Admitted to the Bar: Texas (1995), New York (1998); US District Court: Northern (1998), Eastern (2003) Districts of Texas; US Court of Appeals: 5th Circuit (2000); US Supreme Court (1999)

Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2003).

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; Advisory Board Member, Institute for Transnational Arbitration; Board Member, Dallas Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section; Member, Texas Association of Mediators; Mitglied, Deutsch-Amerikanische Juristen-Vereinigung (Member, German-American Lawyers Association); Member, American Board of Trial Advocates; Accredited Mediator, Centre for Efficient Dispute Resolution (CEDR).

### **Education**

University of London (LLM, International Dispute Resolution, with Merit-2016); University of London (Postgraduate Diploma in Public International Law, with Distinction-2016); Hague Academy of International Law (Certificate, Directed Studies Program, Private International Law-2022); University of Texas (JD, with Honors-1995); Duke University (BA-1992)

### **Awards and Honors**

Dallas County Dispute Resolution Center Service Award (2016, 2018)

### **Citizenship**

Germany; United Kingdom; United States of America

### **Languages**

English; German

### **Locale**

Dallas, Texas, United States of America

## **JUDGE STEPHEN B. ABLES**

*Retired Judge of the 216<sup>th</sup> District Court of Texas since January 1, 1989.  
(Kerr, Kendall, Gillespie, and Bandera Counties)*

*Presiding Judge of the Sixth Judicial Administrative Region of Texas  
(24 Counties)*

*Appointed by Governor Bush in 1995 and Re-appointed in 2000 & 2005 & 2009 & 2014 & 2018*

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

*DOB: 9/29/48*

*Graduated from Ennis High School in Ennis, Texas - 1967*

*Attended United States Military Academy - 1961-68*

*Baylor University - 1968-71. English Literature Major*

*Graduated from Baylor Law School - 1973*

### **FAMILY INFORMATION:**

*Spouse:*

***Lynda Flenniken Ables***

*Director of Choral Music*

*First United Methodist Church from 1917 to 2009 - Present(y Director  
Kerrville, Texas Emeritus*

*Children:*

***David***

*Harvard University Graduate Magna Cum Laude - Engineering*

*'Teach for America" Corp Volunteer 2000 - 2001*

*Masters from MIT*

*Partner in Engineering Firm "Pressure Profiles"*

***Matthew***

*Baylor University Graduate*

*Masters from Texas State University*

*Hydrogeologist and Vice President of Kisters Corp. North America*

***Mollie***

*Baylor University Graduate (Summa Cum Laude)*

*Music Major - emphasis, violin*

*Masters University of Texas, Austin Musicology*

*Phd University of Indiana*

*Professor at Wabash University*

## *HONORS AND AWARDS:*

*Selected Outstanding Criminal Judge in the State of Texas by the  
Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas for the year 2000-01*

*Along with wife, named Kerville Citizens of the Year 2002*

*Named Outstanding Young Alumnus of Baylor University in 1989*

*Along with Spouse, selected as the Baylor University Outstanding Parents of the Year for 1999-2000*

*Masonic Lodge Community Builder Award- 1992*

*American Legion Community Service Award - 1993*

*Sons of the American Revolution Outstanding Citizen Award - 2001 & 2005*

## *JUDICIAL ACTIVITIES:*

*Chairman of the Regional Presiding Judges of Texas - 2009 to Present*

*Elected Chairman of Texas Judiciary - 2002-2003*

*Dean of the Texas College for New Judges - 2001 to 2012*

*Chairman of Texas Center for the Judiciary - 2002-2003*

*Chairman of Texas Judicial Ethics Committee - 2004 to  
2007*

*Appointed to Texas Supreme Court by Governor Bush in 1996 to sit for Justice Enoch who was recused  
from a specific case*

*Appointed to Texas Judicial Council by Governor Bush - 1995-1997*

*Appointed to Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care by Chief  
Justice Phillips in 1998*

*Appointed to Attorney General's Child Support Advisory Workgroup by Attorney General Cornyn in 2000*

*Appointed by Governor Bush as Presiding Judge of the Sixth Administration Judicial Region in 1995  
and Re-appointed in 2000 & 2005 & 2009 & 2014 & 2017*

*Appointed to Court of Criminal Appeals Education Committee by Chief Justice Keller in 2001*

*Former Advisory Director, Texas Association Court Administrators*

*Former Chairman of Judiciary Curriculum Committee*

*Faculty member and lecturer for the University of Memphis Institute for Faculty Excellence in  
Judicial Education*

*Mediator and Arbitrator for Judicial Workplace Arbitrations*

## *PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - LEGAL:*

*Licensed to Practice Lmv - 1973*

*Former Assistant County Attorney and Assistant District Attorney*

*Partner in the Law Firm of Wallace, Jackson, Ables & Machann - 1979-89*

*President of Kerr County Bar Association - 1979-80*

*Instructor Criminal Law and Procedure, Schreiner College - 1976-80*

*Prosecutor for State Bar Grievance Committee - 1976-77*

*Constitutional Law Lecturer for Kerr County Police Academy*

*Lecturer and Panel Member for Judicial Education Programs and State Bar Programs*

*Elected Fellow of the State Bar of Texas - 2001*

## *CHURCH ACTIVITIES:*

*Member of First United Methodist Church, Kerrville, Texas*

*Senior Adult Sunday School Teacher since 1983*

*Administrative Board Chairman - 1986-87*

*Chairman Board of Trustees - 1990-91*

*Church Lay Leader - 1999-00*

*Adult Choir*

*Appointed to Bishop's Committee of the Episcopacy in 2000*

*Emmaus Pilgrim Walk 108*

*Emmaus Lay Leader - 1999*

## *CIVIC ACTIVITIES:*

*President and Founding Director of the Hill Country Crisis Shelter for Battered Women - 1981-88*

*Advisory Director to the Hill Country Youth Ranch*

*Director of the Cailloux Family Charitable Foundation*

*Attorney Coach for the Kerrville High School Mock Trial Team since 1991*

<i>State Champions</i>	<i>1998</i>
<i>State Champions</i>	<i>1999</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> in Nation</i>	<i>1999</i>
<i>State Champions</i>	<i>2005</i>

*Former Director "Partners in Ministry"*

*Advisory Director Young Men's Business League*

*Former Coach of Youth baseball, basketball and soccer*

*Past President and Director of the Cowboy Camp Meeting Association*

*Founding Member of the Kerrville Philosophers Club*

*Past Board of Directors, Hill Country Arts Foundation*

*Member Hill Country Beginners Symphony Orchestra (Double Bass)*

*Columnist for Kerrville Daily Times*

### ***HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:***

*Public Address Announcer for the "Fighting" Antler Football team. Golf*

*(Played golf with Tiger Woods!)*

*Music (Presently learning to play the Double Bass)*

*Reading*

*Teaching*

*Cooking with my wife*