



**Guilford L. "Gil" Jones III**  
**Mediator**

(Credentialed "Distinguished" by TMCA)  
Mediator – Arbitrator  
Retired District Judge  
*Mediation Makes the Difference*

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**Resumé of GUILFORD L JONES III**

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**Honorable Members of the Burnet County Commissioners Court:**

It is with great respect and a deep commitment to public service that I present my qualifications for consideration as Burnet County Judge to complete the remainder of the vacated term. My life and career have been dedicated to leadership, problem-solving, and serving my community, and I am honored to seek the opportunity to bring this experience to the role of County Judge.

I do not intend to run for the position in the next election.

I am a proud Texan and a product of The University of Texas, where I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting in 1966 and a Juris Doctor from the School of Law in 1973. These foundations have shaped a career focused on analysis, leadership, and service to others.

**Professional Experience**

Over the past five decades, I have developed a diverse set of skills in law, accounting and finance, governance, and conflict resolution. My career began in accounting as part of the audit staff with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Houston, where I gained hands-on experience with complex financial reporting and analysis.

In 1973, I transitioned to law, establishing a private practice that thrived for nearly 25 years. My work concentrated on estate planning, probate, guardianships, business organizations, and

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general civil litigation, helping individuals and businesses make critical decisions with confidence. As general counsel to the Big Spring Independent School District, I successfully handled desegregation issues involving the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and a federal civil rights case.

In 1996, I was honored to be elected to serve as Judge of the 33rd Judicial District of Texas, a role I held with integrity for 16 years. In this capacity, I presided over civil, criminal, juvenile and family law cases, ensuring fairness and impartiality. Extra-Judicial activities included:

- Fostering the creation of an additional District Court (the 424<sup>th</sup>) to aid the burgeoning docket of the 33<sup>rd</sup>, and helped author the legislation.
- Helped author the legislation creating the Burnet County Court-at-Law.
- Served on the Texas Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care.

In 2015 I served a brief stint filling a vacated term of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, Burnet County.

Since 2013, I have worked as a professional mediator and arbitrator and am credentialed “Distinguished” by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association. I have mediated many hundreds of disputes with a success rate exceeding 90%, bringing parties together with a focus on reasonable outcomes and efficient processes, thus disposing of many cases that otherwise would have clogged the dockets of the County and District Courts.

### **Military and Leadership Experience**

My commitment to service began in the United States Navy, where I served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam conflict. As an officer, I directed the communications message center and served as underway Officer of the Deck, managing critical operations and personnel with precision and care.

This foundation of leadership has informed my civic and community engagement. I am a lifelong Rotarian and founding president of the Marble Falls Daybreak Rotary. I have also chaired significant projects, such as the development of a \$3 million, 120-unit, HUD-funded retirement home for elderly and disabled residents in Big Spring which I managed from concept through completion. Afterwards I similarly consulted on the same type of project in Midland.

Additionally, I have served the Episcopal Church as Senior Warden, parochial school board chairman, and Trust Fund Chair. In the 1980’s I was a member and president of the Marble Falls/Lake LBJ Tri-Commission for Economic Development, fostering regional growth and opportunity. I also previously served on the (now superseded) Burnet County Hospital Authority board.

I served a partial term on the Marble Falls ISD school board, resigning upon my election to the bench in 1996.

### **Vision for Burnet County**

Burnet County faces complex challenges, from managing growth and infrastructure to ensuring fiscal responsibility and maintaining our community's quality of life. I am a planner and problem-solver at heart, with a proven ability to analyze issues, anticipate challenges, and implement practical solutions.

As County Judge, I will bring a collaborative approach to leadership, working closely with the Commissioners Court, County departments, and all stakeholders to address the county's needs effectively. My extensive experience in law, finance, and governance equips me to oversee the budget and serve as a fair and impartial leader for the Commissioners Court. My years on the bench and as a mediator have honed my ability to navigate difficult situations and bring people together to find common ground.

I will also assume the optional judicial functions to hear cases including probates, contested probates, and guardianships in collaboration with the County Court-at-Law. Having spent 16 years on the District Court bench I can do so immediately.

### **A Lifetime of Service and Commitment**

I have called Burnet County home for 40 years and have a deep love for this community. My grandparents came to Marble Falls in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, so I have roots here beginning in my childhood. My career and personal life reflect a commitment to integrity, leadership, and service. I believe in building a future for Burnet County that honors our traditions while addressing the needs of a growing and diverse population.

I am confident that my background, skills, and dedication uniquely position me to serve as Burnet County Judge. It would be my honor to work with you and the citizens of Burnet County to continue a bright and prosperous future for the County.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Guilford L. Jones, III**

**(timeline follows)**

## **Education**

**Juris Doctor** – The University of Texas School of Law, 1973

**Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting** – School of Business<sup>1</sup>, The University of Texas at Austin, 1966

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## **Professional Experience**

### **Mediator and Arbitrator**

*Self-Employed | 2013 – Present*

Credentialed "Distinguished" Mediator by the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association.

### **State District Judge**

*33rd Judicial District of Texas | 1997 – 2012*

### **Justice of the Peace**

*Pct 4 Burnet County | 2015, 6-month interim service*

### **Attorney at Law**

*Private Practice | 1973 – 1997*

### **Audit Staff Member**

*Arthur Andersen & Co. (Houston Office) | 1966, 1969 – 1971*

Tenure interrupted by service in the Navy.

### **United States Navy Officer**

*USS Kitty Hawk | 1966-1969*

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<sup>1</sup> Now known as the McCombs School of Business