

JUDGE BUD ARNOT

Chief Justice Bud Arnot serves as the Chief Justice of the 11th Court of Appeals situated in Eastland, Texas. Born and raised in Breckenridge, Texas, he attended Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia and graduated from the University of Texas with a B.B.A. degree in 1972, and from Baylor School of Law with a J.D. degree in 1975 and from the University of Virginia School of Law receiving an L.L.M. degree in 1992. Bud's thesis was titled, The Texas Freedom of Worship Clause, a Legal and Historical Analysis. He was appointed to the court by the Governor for the term beginning January 1, 1987. He has been elected in 1988, 1992, 1994 and 2000.


While on the bench, he has served as the President of the Appellate Judges Section of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas, as a member of the executive Board for the Texas Center for the Judiciary, a non-profit corporation organized for the education of judges, as the presiding judge for the Appellate Judges' Council, and as a member of the Texas Judicial Council, a legislatively created body charged with the study of the organization, roles, and accomplishments of the Texas judiciary and with making recommendations for the improvement thereof.

The judge just completed 9 years serving on the Judicial Conduct Commission, which is charged with investigating violations of the Judicial Canon of Ethics and complaints against judges by the public. He served as the chair of the Commission.

Bud is also the past President of the Council of Chief Judges and is only the third Texan to serve in this position over the organization's 25 year history. The Council of Chief Judges is comprised of the presiding judges of the intermediate appellate courts for the fifty states. He is currently serving on the executive board of the Appellate Judges Conference of the American Bar Association, on the executive board of the Appellate Judges Institute affiliated with the Dedman School of Law at SMU, on the board of the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, on the executive board of the Spencer Grimes Education Series, the continuing judicial education committee of the ABA, as well as serving as the ABA liaison to the University of Virginia School of Law.

Last year, Bud gave the homily, *Reflections: Law and Morality*, at the Red Mass held at San Fernando cathedral in San Antonio. The Cathedral is the oldest building in Texas under continuous use having been built in 1731 and the final burial sight of the remains of the defenders of the Alamo. Bud has taught as an adjunct professor at Texas Tech Law School offering the course, Judge Bud's Appellate Summer Camp for the Extremely Clever.

Bud and his wife, Emily, have three children; Will, a graduate of the University of Texas, Mackey, a senior at the University of Virginia, and their daughter, Corrine, who is a junior at Abilene High School. Bud and Emily are active members of the First Baptist Church in Abilene where they both teach Sunday school and both have served as Deacons. Bud served on the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Simmons University. Bud and Emily, an artist in residence for the Abilene Independent School District, have been very active in civic affairs, serving as president of the Patron 200, a cultural affairs group of young professionals sponsored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, a



director of the YMCA, the Abilene Fine Arts Museum, the Abilene Preservation League, Cultural Affairs Council, Hospice of Abilene and the Chisholm Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



OUTLINE FOR MIDLAND-ECTOR COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

October 1, 2004

I. SEX, LIES & VIDEOTAPES

i. Cretan formula

II. CRIMINAL FACTUAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW

ii. It's been a long strange trip and I will be grateful when factual sufficiency review in criminal cases is dead

III. CIVIL "AS A MATTER OF LAW" SUFFICIENCY REVIEW

iii. I cannot do the *Holley* Two- Step or

iii. Kinky Friedman must be the house band

IV. WILL THE SUPREME COURT EXERCISE FACTUAL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW?

iv. Can Ford Maddox Ford go back into the Poole

V. CONCLUSION

v. Is anybody still awake?