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DUNHAM & JONES CONGRATULATES ATTORNEY FRED HOWEY ON ELECTION TO TARRANT COUNTY'S 297TH DISTRICT COURT

Veteran criminal defense attorney and former Army officer brings more than 15 years of legal experience and a lifelong commitment to public service to the bench.

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Dunham & Jones, Attorneys at Law, proudly congratulates criminal defense attorney Fred David Howey on his election as Judge of the 297th Judicial District Court in Tarrant County, Texas, following the November 3, 2026, general election. Howey will begin his judicial service in January 2027.

Howey's election marks an exciting new chapter in a distinguished career dedicated to the legal profession, constitutional rights, and public service. As he prepares to transition from criminal defense attorney to district court judge, his colleagues at Dunham & Jones celebrate his achievement and extend their best wishes for his service on the bench.

"Fred has dedicated much of his life to serving others, from his military service overseas to his years defending the constitutional rights of his clients," said Paul Dunham of Dunham & Jones. "He's a natural leader who brings discipline, integrity, and a tremendous amount of courtroom experience to everything he does. While we'll certainly miss having Fred on our team, we couldn't be happier to see him take this next step. Tarrant County is gaining a judge who understands the importance of upholding the law and treating every person who enters his courtroom with respect."

Throughout his legal career, Howey has handled thousands of cases and participated in more than 40 jury trials, with courtroom experience spanning misdemeanor offenses and serious felony charges.

As a felony attorney in the Fort Worth office of Dunham & Jones, Howey has built a reputation for thorough case preparation, careful legal analysis, and dedication to protecting the constitutional rights of those accused of crimes. His experience includes navigating complex evidentiary issues, challenging procedural violations, and advocating for clients facing life-changing legal consequences.

Before joining Dunham & Jones, Howey operated his own law practice in Bedford and Hurst, Texas, from 2010 to 2020. His work encompassed criminal defense, family law, juvenile defense, and child welfare matters, providing him with a broad understanding of the legal challenges facing individuals and families.

Howey graduated third in his class from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in 2010 and was inducted into Phi Delta Phi, an international legal honor society. He is admitted to practice in Texas, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Beyond his courtroom work, Howey has contributed to the legal community through professional leadership and mentorship. He served as president of the North East Tarrant County Bar Association from 2015 to 2016 and has helped mentor attorneys entering the field of criminal defense.

Howey's dedication to public service extends well beyond the courtroom.

He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1996 to 2009, including a deployment to Iraq in 2005 and 2006. He began his military service as an enlisted soldier, rising to the rank of Sergeant before earning a commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). He ultimately attained the rank of First Lieutenant.

His commitment to leadership and community involvement has continued through his work with Scouting America, where he has served as a Scoutmaster and mentor. An Eagle Scout himself, Howey has also volunteered as a Teen Court judge and remains active in veterans' organizations, including the American Legion.

These experiences reflect the principles of service, responsibility, and respect for others that have guided his professional and personal life.

As Judge-elect of the 297th Judicial District Court, Howey will bring his extensive criminal law experience and understanding of courtroom proceedings to a court responsible for hearing felony criminal cases in Tarrant County.

His election represents both a significant personal accomplishment and an opportunity to continue serving his community in a new capacity.

The attorneys and staff of Dunham & Jones extend their sincere congratulations to Judge-elect Fred Howey and look forward to seeing his continued contributions to the Texas legal community.

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