

Quality Legal Representation (from the *Client's* Perspective)



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A Panel Discussion

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- Texas Tech University:
 - JD, MPA, BA
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- **Mayor, City of Navasota, Texas**
 - 2006 - Present
- Stephen F. Austin University
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- City Councilmember, City of Navasota
 - 2005-2006
- Past Chairman, TAMCC
- Past Board Member, TML



Amanda Campos

- **Municipal Clerk**
- University of North Texas
 - IIMC's CMC designation & Paralegal Certification
- City Secretary, City of Burleson
- Earned her TRMC in 2009 & recertified twice
- Tex State University: Certified Public Manager (CPM)
- President, Tex Muni Clerks Assn (TMCA)
- Taught 8+ years at TMCA Election Seminar
- Member, Int'l Institute of Muni Clerks (IIMC)
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Jay Stokes

- **City Manager**
- Abilene Christian University: BA in Poli Sci
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- City Manager, Deer Park
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- Rice University: BA
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- Former Staff Attorney, City of Dallas
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Questions to be Addressed

- Who is the client?
- When is a task urgent?
- When to share data and with whom?
- How do we handle Confidential data?
- What is the Lawyer's role?



More Questions

- Difference between *personal* opinion and *legal* advice?
- Client preparedness for engaging legal services?
- Who has authority to direct legal actions?
- How to deal with Conflicts among Clients?
- Why a “Municipal Attorney” vs. *any* Lawyer?
- What does City Hall expect from its attorney?

