

## **Honorable Guilford L. “Gil” Jones, III**

Judge, 33<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District (Burnet, Blanco, Llano and San Saba counties)

The Judge Jones received his JD from the University of Texas in 1973, and also a BBA (Accounting) from U.T. in 1966. His original profession was as a CPA with Arthur Andersen & Co. in Houston with a stint in the Navy from Oct 1966 – Sep 1969. He started his law career in Austin with the then-firm of Hilgers, Daugherty, Fielder, Golden and Kuperman, then in Big Spring practicing with his father until relocating in Marble Falls in the early 80’s as a solo practitioner.

His AA&Co. time was interrupted by the Vietnam Conflict when he served as a Naval Officer aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk (CVA-63 – an aircraft carrier) first as a communications watch officer, eventually the “traffic officer” supervising the entire message center, and also as an underway Officer of the Deck.

With Arthur Andersen & Co. he was a member of the audit staff until deciding to attend law school in the summer of 1971. He values the experience at AA&Co. as an integral part of a legal career that spanned 23 years.

He first was with the Hilgers firm as a law clerk while attending law school, and later was an associate with the firm until relocating to Big Spring. The Hilgers firm was unique with all but one of the lawyers also being CPA’s. Judge Jones would continue a practice oriented heavily toward business, taxation and business litigation as a result of that early experience.

Judge Jones was first elected to the bench in 1996, took office January 1997, and was elected to a fourth term beginning January 2009. He was a member of the Supreme Court Task Force on Foster Care until it became the Texas Supreme Court’s Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families. Judge Jones continues to serve on the Technology Committee of the Commission. He continues to be active in his community in a variety of ways.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> District Court is a general jurisdiction bench with a variety of subject matter and endless challenges. The judge also has a Drug/DWI Court where he presides each 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening in “night court” with his own “Bull” the bailiff.

He has many personal interests ranging from his family and church to photography, long-distance motorcycling and camping, internet technology and usage, hiking, kayaking and fishing.