



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** June 10, 2014  
**Prepared By/Phone Number:** David Salazar  
Office of the Travis County Judge  
512-854-9555

**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Samuel T. Biscoe  
Travis County Judge

**Commissioners Court Sponsor:**

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF FRED HAWKINS TO THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER BOARD EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

Please see resume attached.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

### **REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:**

**Fred Hawkins**

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**MEDIATION RESUME**

Fred Hawkins brings over 25 years of civil trial experience to the Lakeside Mediation Center. He has successfully resolved numerous high profile lawsuits in both state and federal court and tried more than 50 jury trials. Fred has represented governmental entities and individuals in both criminal and civil cases and worked both sides of the docket in state courts across Texas. Fred has earned the reputation of being knowledgeable, straight-forward, honest and an excellent trial attorney.

Fred started his legal career as a prosecutor with the Travis County Attorney's Office. Later, he became an Assistant Attorney General and traveled the state representing state agencies and their employees. He has tried cases from the Panhandle to the Valley and everywhere in-between. Fred moved from the Attorney General's Office to the City of Austin's Law Department, where he defended the City and its employees in a wide variety of complex lawsuits, including constitutional claims, environmental lawsuits, employment matters, contracts and personal injury claims.

Fred has been an adjunct training instructor for the Austin Police Department for over 10 years and is a frequent speaker on topics such as supervisory liability, constitutional claims, civil liability, tort claims, governmental immunity, report writing, and risk management issues. Fred was honored to be selected as a member of the Federal Court's Western District Merit Selection Panel, which interviewed prospective federal magistrate candidates in 2003. He was awarded with the Austin Police Department's Chief's Community Service Award in 2006.

Fred loves to play sports and every week mediates between the willingness and desire of his brain to engage in sports and the realities and limitations of his body to recuperate from them.

**Education:**

B.A. Texas Tech University 1981

J.D. University of Houston Law Center 1984

**Bar Admissions:**

All Texas Courts

U.S. District Court Western District of Texas

U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

**Practice Areas:**

All civil disputes, including:

Personal Injury

Premise Liability

Negligence

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Tort Claims

Contract

Negligence

Business

Contracts

Water Rights

Constitutional Rights

Environmental

Employment

Construction