Former Jurist of the Year Joins Rusty Hardin & Associates



Cathy Cochran, of counsel with Rusty Hardin & Associates

Cathy Cochran, a former long-time judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, has joined the firm of Rusty Hardin & Associates as of counsel.

She will concentrate on appellate law, criminal defense and civil litigation.

Judge Cochran, a 1984 *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of Houston Law Center, also holds a bachelor of arts from Stanford University.

She was appointed to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in 2001 and was elected to two six-year terms, in 2002 and 2008.

Among her honors are the 2012-2013 Exemplary Judicial Faculty Award from the Texas Center for the Judiciary, and the 2006 Jurist of the Year, Criminal Justice Section of the Texas State Bar.

“Cathy is such an exceptional lawyer that I hired her three times, four if you count the prosecutor’s office,” says Rusty Hardin. “The last time she left our practice was to serve on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals where she proved herself to be one of Texas’ most influential and reform-minded judges.

Through her powerful skills of persuasion and insightful legal opinions, she helped bring about historic changes in Texas criminal justice, making our system a fairer one.”

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