

Wayne K. Olson

Founding Partner

Wayne was born in Lima, Peru. From 1979 until 1987, he was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Fort Worth, working primarily on zoning, planning, and development matters. He currently serves as City Attorney for the cities of Euless, Haltom City, Kennedale, and Cross Timber and as general counsel for the Tarrant County 9-1-1 District.



Wayne Olson has practiced his entire career representing governmental entities. His over thirty-five years of experience has enabled him to acquire a knowledge and understanding of the issues that confront public entities and allows him to provide useful insight on how these entities can best manage their issues. He takes pride in providing sound, useful legal advice on all aspects of operating a local governmental entity.

Wayne has extensive experience in land use matters, including zoning, platting, and other development matters; regulation of sexually oriented businesses; inverse condemnation and takings; eminent domain; governmental immunity; employment law; and nuisance abatement. He has also represented dozens of local governmental entities on behalf of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool on matters involving employment discrimination; wrongful arrest and use of excessive force; drainage and flooding liability; trespass; due process violations; First Amendment and other constitutional violations.

In addition to various state trial courts, Wayne has practiced before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the United States District Courts of the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts, the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Courts of Appeal for the Fort Worth, Dallas and Eastland Districts.

Practice Areas:

- Representation of municipalities and other governmental entities
- Land use, including zoning, platting, and other development matters
- Municipal Employment
- Eminent Domain
- Litigation Defense

Education:

- Texas Tech University 1974
- B.B.A. - Real Estate, Southern Methodist University 1976
- J.D. University of Texas School of Law 1979

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

Licensed:

- United States Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th and 11th Circuits
- U.S. District Courts, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

Member:

- State Bar of Texas, Administrative and Public Law and Government Lawyers Sections
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Texas City Attorney Association
- International Municipal Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association - State and Local Government and Government Lawyers Sections

Awards, Publications, Presentations and Activities:

- Adjunct Professor, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas - Local Government Law, Spring 2011.
- Certified Open Government Training under Section 551.005, Texas Government Code.
- Center for American and International Law - Planning and Zoning for Lawyers, Planners and Public Officials - Presentation on *Local Oil and Gas Regulation and Upcoming Legislative Initiatives: What to Expect Now and in the Future*, June 30, 2010.
- Recurring Training of Planning and Zoning Commissions, Boards of Adjustments, and Substandard Building Boards.

Past Employment Positions:

- Fielding, Barrett & Taylor, LLP, Partner, 1988-1997
- Reynolds, Shannon, Miller, Blinn, White & Cook, Associate, 1987-1988
- City of Fort Worth, Assistant City Attorney, 1979-1987