

Let's promote Judge Bill Vance to District Judge, 85th District Court

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

1. I believe that the American system of jurisprudence, while not perfect, is the best system ever devised for the orderly settlement of disputes between conflicting interests. I will do my best to make that system work quickly, efficiently, and honestly through faithful and impartial performance of the duties of the office of District Judge.
2. I believe that the legal profession can and should assist in adapting the system to local conditions. I believe the Brazos County Bar Association should appoint a committee of its most distinguished members to advise the District Judge on 1) the adoption of local rules of procedure and 2) a docket control system, both designed to expedite the disposition of the caseload of the Court.
3. I believe that the most effective deterrent to crime is knowledge that criminal activity will result in swift punishment of the offender. I believe in the objectives of the new Speedy Trial act and punishment commensurate with the degree of guilty conduct.
4. I believe that a combination of education and experience best qualify an individual to assume major responsibility such as a District Judgeship. I will bring to that office my legal education and more than ten years judicial experience as County Judge.
5. I believe that the taxpaying citizens of Brazos County are entitled to good administration of their tax dollars. The District Judge is directly responsible for the District Judge's Office, the County Auditor's Office and the Brazos County Probation Office, amounting to almost 10% of the total operating budget of Brazos County. I have the administrative experience, gained as County Judge, to assure cooperation with the Commissioner's Court in matters of budget and personnel.



"I am asking that you consider my experience as a prosecutor, as a judge of a court of record and as administrative head of your county government, and promote me to the District Judge's office. I pledge that I will faithfully discharge the duties of that office and will be fair and impartial to all who come before me."

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Age: 38

Experience:

County Judge Brazos County, 1967 - present
Assistant County Attorney, Brazos County, 1964-1967
Admitted to Practice of Law, December 10, 1963

Civic and Other Governmental Activities:

Chairman, Brazos Valley Development Council
Member, Executive Committee, Brazos Valley Community Action Agency (Chairman, 1971 - 1976)
Organizer and Member, Board of Trustees, Brazos Valley Mental Health - Mental Retardation Center (Chairman, 1973-1977)
Chairman, Brazos County Civil Defense, 1967 - present
Member, Coordinating Committee (1971 - 1974) Bryan-College Station Urban Transportation Policy Advisory and Steering Committee (Chairman, 1974 - present)
Chairman, Governing Board, Brazos County Health Unit (City-County), 1967 - present
Chairman, Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee, Brazos County - Bryan-College Station - Texas A&M University, 1975 - present
Immediate Past President, Texas Association of Regional Councils
Member, Board of Directors, Arts Council of Brazos Valley

Education:

BA, Economics, Texas A&M University, 1961
JD, University of Texas School of Law, 1963

Professional Organizations:

State Bar Texas
Brazos County Bar Association
Texas Aggie Bar Association
Admitted to practice, United States Supreme Court, and U.S. District Court for Southern District of Texas

Past Interests:

Fund Drive Chairman, Greater Bryan United Fund, 1967
President, Board of Directors, Greater Bryan United Fund, 1968
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Crestview, Inc., a Methodist Retirement Home, 1973
Member, Board of Directors, Central Brazos Valley Mental Health Center, Inc., 1973-1974
President, Bryan-College Station Knife and Fork Club, 1971
President, Brazos County Bar Association, 1968
Board of Directors, American Cancer Society, Brazos Chapter
Board of Directors, Brazos County March of Dimes

Other:

Member, First United Methodist Church, Bryan, Texas

Children:

Bill Vance, Jr. - age 15
Karen Vance - age 12
Charles Vance - age 6