

LEADERSHIP MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY SESSION



DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRETT LIGON

Biography

Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon remains motivated by what he believes is job number one for a State's prosecutor, to give a voice to victims. Brett believes that the Criminal Justice process has many components, including the courts system, the part that is played by police and law enforcement, the rights of defendants and to him the most important role which is helping to keep the community safe.

District Attorney Brett Ligon has spent his entire professional career in the area of law enforcement and criminal justice. If asked, he would say that he is most proud of having stated as an entry level intern with the Brazos County District Attorney's Office, and later as a jailer in the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. From there, he continued working his way through the ranks as an Assistant District Attorney for the Harris County District Attorney's office and as Senior Staff Counsel for the Houston Police Officers' Union before being elected as the District Attorney of Montgomery County in 2008.

Since taking office, Brett has implemented D.A.R.T. the District Attorneys Response Team, which dispatches a team of prosecutors and D.A. investigators to the scene of homicides and traffic fatalities involving alcohol, drugs or excessive speed. He has aggressively enforced the prosecution of habitual offenders and continues with his philosophy of making criminals pay instead of the taxpayers. Brett has received numerous honors and awards while in office including Boss of the Year, Prosecutor of the Year and his office has been recognized as Office of the Year by Montgomery County. In addition, he has served on numerous community boards and charitable organizations and was also elected by his peers to serve as a representative for the state wide Texas District and County Attorney's Association.

He pushes his office to continue their pursuit of excellence in the courtroom and classroom and boasts of the largest staff of Board Certified prosecutor's in Texas, while he has continued his own pursuit in seeking a masters in Criminal Justice through Sam Houston State University. Brett has also been sought after as a special prosecutor in counties throughout the State of Texas and continues in his original role of a trial attorney.

In addition, he has established an aggressive public integrity division whose job is to oversee, investigate and prosecute violations of the law committed by government employees committing acts in the course and scope of their employment or in violation of the public's trust, He has established the Internet Crimes Against Children Division within the District Attorney's office, that has received numerous state and national awards for bringing pedophiles and other wicked individuals who prey on children to justice. He continues to devote substantial resources to prosecuting defendants who sexually assault and physically harm children as part of a multi-disciplinary team co-located within Children's Safe Harbor. The Montgomery County District Attorney's office continues to be innovative in prosecuting financial fraud crimes and is also helping to tackle the scourge of opiate fatalities by investigating and prosecuting "pill mills" and doctors who prey on addicted patients while they reward themselves financially for the community's misery.

Brett and his wife of 27 years, Shannon were both raised here in Montgomery County and were educated in the public schools of Montgomery ISD, along with their children. His personal goal would be to have his headstone read, "Here lies a good father, a good friend and a good husband who cared about his community."

