



## Beryl “Berry” Crowley

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ms. Crowley is a sole practitioner with Beryl P. Crowley, Attorney & Counselor at Law in Austin, where she has been practicing since 1974; she is also principal with Crowley Legal Recruiting LLC in Austin. Her 41-year career has encompassed a broad and deep range of professional values and experience. She has excelled and been publicly recognized in Austin and in Texas for her leadership abilities. She is a powerful advocate and exemplar, as well as a leader where she has experience as a Partner, Shareholder, Chairman, President, Trustee, Director and Executive Director, Mentor (in addition to mother and grandmother) and knows firsthand and intimately the issues that surround such positions of leadership. She looks forward to bringing her executive, administrative, community, legal and governance experience to the next challenge.

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

As a **Partner** in a law firm: through 1993 Ms. Crowley was an associate, first woman, and partner at the Austin firm of Small Craig & Werkenthin, predecessor to the Austin office of Jackson Walker. While there for nearly 20 years Ms. Crowley represented individuals, institutional lenders, and developers in all aspects of real estate law, including title matters, commercial lending and transactional matters. She edited firm newsletters on real estate law, was on several planning committees for the State Bar PDP—including developing the curricula for the first Advanced Real Estate Law Course sponsored by the SBOT (and several successor courses). She now is a sole practitioner with Beryl P. Crowley Attorney & Counselor at Law, where she conducts a Real Estate law practice.

As **Executive Director**, Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism:

Author/Speaker/Lecturer; producer of various symposia and courses of the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism; Editor and author, *A Guide to the Basics of Law Practice* (Editions 2-10) and *The Ethics Course* (Editions 1-6). Original Developer of popular ethics interactive program known as **Ethics Jeopardy**, presented hundreds of times at various seminars and cle events. Creator and developer of **online ethics CLE programs**. Under her watch the Ethics Opinions of the State Bar Ethics Committee were edited and formatted into a uniform volume and put online; she was the producer of several highly regarded Annual Symposia on Ethics matters at the Annual Meeting of the State Bar of Texas 1994-2000.

As a **Legal Recruiter**:

She was Managing Director for Major Lindsey & Africa LLC in Texas from November 2006-March 2011. She has been very successful in partner and associate placement in Texas firms, and currently recruits and places lawyers and legal professionals in lawfirms and corporations in Texas under her own firm, Crowley Legal Recruiting LLC.

### PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- **Crowley Legal Recruiting, LLC** (2011-present)
- **Beryl P. Crowley**, Attorney & Counselor at Law (2006-present)
- **Major, Lindsey & Africa, LLC** Managing Director (2006-Mar.2011)
- **Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism**, Executive Director

(1994-2006)

- **Small, Craig & Werkenthin**, now Jackson Walker (Austin, TX) (1974-93)
- **Spinn, Ehlert, Spinn, Weisler & Weisler** (Brenham, TX) (1972-74)

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- **ADR Provider**
  - American Academy of Attorney Mediators, Inc., May 1992
  - Travis County Dispute Resolution Center, July 1991
- **American Bar Association** (1972-present)
  - Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, 1972-94
  - Young Lawyers Division (YLD), 1972-85
  - Delegate to House of Delegates, State Bar of Texas, 1996-2002
  - Interim State Delegate, 2000-01
  - Founder, Consortium of Professionalism Initiatives, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility
  - Austin Bar Association Delegate to House of Delegates, 2006-2008
  - ABA Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section (TIPS): Professionalism Committee; Member, 2001-present; PR Committee; Long Range Planning Committee, 2005-06; Speaker at ABA/YLD Fall Conference, October 2005 (Outreach to Young Lawyers); TIPS Liaison to ABA/CPR SOC Joint Committee on Ethics and Professionalism, 2004-07; Liaison to ABA Professionalism Committee, 2004-06; Member, Council, 2006-08
  - American Bar Foundation, 1991-present; Sustaining Life Fellow
  - Member, ABA Center for Professional Responsibility, 1994-present
  - Member, Association of Professional Responsibility Attorneys
- **Austin Bar Association** (1974-present); service on many committees and service as Director, 1995-1997
- **Austin Bar Foundation Trustee** (2005-11); Sustaining Life Fellow
- **Austin Lawyers Care** (now Volunteer Legal Services, Central Texas), Founder and Director (1981-83)
- **Austin Young Lawyers Association** (1974-1986): Director, 1977-81; chairman of various committees
- **Robert L. Calvert Inn of Court / Austin**, Master Emeritus; member, American Inns of Court Foundation (1994-present)
- **State Bar of Texas** (1972-present): various Committees:
  - CLE Committee, 1978-81
  - Planning Committee, first Advanced Real Estate Course 1979; 1980 and 1982
  - Task Force, Women in the Bar; 1977-78
  - Effective Participation of Women in the Bar Committee, 1978-80
  - Women in the Law Section: Founder, 1980-present; Council, 1980-85
  - Legislative Subcommittee: Chair, 1980-81; Secretary, 1981-82, TYLA Liaison, 1982-85
  - Legal Forms Committee, 1980-83
  - Committee for a More Effective State Bar, 1980-81
  - Annual Meeting Committee, 1982 and 1994
  - Alternate Methods of Dispute Resolution Committee, 1981-83 and 1992-93
  - Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section; 1975-95
  - Director, State Bar of Texas, 1983-86; Liaison Director to several Board Committees, member: Executive Committee, Fact Finding Committee
  - Long Range Planning Committee, 1983-87; Vice Chairman and Chairman
  - Strategic Planning Committee, 1992
  - James C. Watson Inn, 1983-present; Chairman, 1991-92

- Membership Involvement Committee; Co-Chairman, 1991-94
- Professionalism Committee: Founding Chairman, 1994-99; Member, 1999-2005
- Texas Bar Foundation: Sustaining Life Fellow, 1983; Trustee, 1988-91; Secretary, 1988-89; Vice-Chairman, 1989-90; Chairman, 1990-91; Chairman, Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation, 1994-95
- **State Bar College** (1993-present)
- **State Bar Pro Bono College**
- **Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism**, Founder and Trustee (1990-93)
- **Texas Young Lawyers Association**
  - Director, 1979-82; various committee chairmanships
  - Outstanding Director, 1982
  - Treasurer, 1982-83
  - President, 1984-85, (First female president and only female president for 14 years following)
- **Texas Supreme Court**
  - Rules of Professional Conduct Task Force, 2003-07
  - Trustee, Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, 2006-10
  - Supreme Court Gender Bias Task Force Implementation Committee (1994-97)
- **Travis County Women Lawyers Association** (1975-present); Fellow, Travis County Women Lawyers Foundation
- **Washington County Bar Association** Secretary-Treasurer and President (1972-74)

#### PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- State Bar of Texas: **Presidential Citation** (1995, 1996, 2011), **Certificate of Merit** (1995)
- Austin Bar Association **Regina Rogoff Award for Outstanding Community Service** (2003)
- Texas Bar Foundation **Lola Wright Award for Outstanding Professionalism** (2003)
- Travis County Women Lawyers' Association **Distinguished Career Award** (2005)

#### PUBLICATIONS & SPEECHES

- Author / speaker / lecturer on real estate law matters and ethics and professionalism matters scores of times
- Producer of various symposia and courses of the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism
- Editor and author, ***A Guide to the Basics of Law Practice*** and ***The Ethics Course***
- Developer of popular ethics interactive program known as ***EthicsJeopardy***
- Creator and developer of **online ethics CLE programs**

#### EDUCATION BACKGROUND AND ADMISSIONS

- **Mills College**, Bachelor of Arts (Dec. 1968)
- **University of Texas School of Law**, Doctor of Jurisprudence, (Dec. 1971)
- **Texas Bar** (Admitted Apr. 1972)
- **U.S. District Court**, Western District of Texas
- **U. S. Supreme Court** (Dec. 2002)

#### COMMUNITY AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Board Chair, **Texas Advocacy Project**, a Texas nonprofit which furnishes legal services to victims of domestic violence and sexual attacks (2005-07)
- Board and Executive Committee member, **Capitol of Texas Public Broadcasting** (local PBS station: KLRU) (2003-09)
  - Chairman-elect, 2010-11

- Chairman, Grand Opening Celebration, **ACL Live at the Moody Theater**, Feb., 2011
  - **Chairman**, 2011-13
- Board of Visitors, **McDonald Observatory, UT Department of Astronomy** (2005-present)
- Board of Directors, **Zachary Scott Theater** (2006-present)
  - Chairman, Finance Committee & Treasurer to the Board & Executive Committee Member, 2011-12
- Board of Directors, **Girls Empowerment Network (GenAustin)** (2010-11)
- Miscellaneous Community & Civic Involvement: Board Service on private school boards while children in school; service as a Commissioner to Texas Incentive & Productivity Commission, 1989-93; service as a Commissioner, Travis County Volunteer Fire District #6, 1988-1992; officer of Homeowner's Association; founder, Austin Chapter, National Association of Arts & Letters; Member, Women's Symphony League of Austin Symphony Orchestra Society; Member, Laguna Gloria Art Guild
- Member, Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church
- Member, Headliners Club, Austin

### **INTERESTS**

Berry's interests include her five grown children, their spouses, and being Grandberry to her eight grandchildren. She is the widow of Austin lawyer Mike Crowley. Travel at home and abroad has long been a passion, as has the theater. She is a movie and music buff, a life-long reader, and addicted to mostly outdoor exercise. She is a mentor to patients and outspoken cancer survivor (three primary cancers); in her early life she obtained her single engine aircraft pilot's license, which probably started her wanderlust.