

The Honorable Brandy Mueller
Judge
County Court at Law #6

Judge Brandy Mueller was elected to the bench in November of 2010, in Austin, Texas and again in 2014 and 2018. The court she presides over handles criminal cases and is characterized by its high volume and youth offender program.

In 2012, Judge Mueller created and implemented *Project Engage*, a diversion program for the youngest members in her State's criminal justice system (ages 17, 18 and 19). Its aim is to reduce the number of convictions and jail sentences for teenage defendants while providing an intensive term of probation that emphasizes work, school, and giving back to the community. The program she started has become award winning, attracting both national and international attention and support. In 2019, she began working with the US State Department in writing legislation for a youth offender program outside of the United States. She was awarded the Civic Futures Award by the City of Austin, for her work with youth that same year. She is proud to have received the Austin Bar Association's award for Judicial Excellence in Criminal law in 2019, as well as an award for Outstanding Community Service, Dedication and Commitment to Excellence in Criminal Law for Travis County.

Judge Mueller is a native Austinite. Before being elected to the bench, she worked as a lawyer for fifteen years, dedicating her career almost exclusively to the area of criminal law. She is both a former prosecutor and defense attorney and has practiced law at every level of trial court: County, State, District and Federal. She has served as an Assistant County Attorney, an Assistant District Attorney and at the United States Attorney's Office, as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. She is licensed in both State and Federal Court and has played an active role in her community. She has served on a number of Boards, most of which have been related to youth and the law, such as the Austin Bar Association, the Austin State Supported Living Center, Back on My Feet, the Dispute Resolution Center, and the Lola Wright Foundation, and Can Academy. She was appointed to the Austin Gun Violence Task Force in 2019 and is a graduate of Leadership Austin and former Pupil, Barrister and Master of the Robert Calvert Inn of Court. She proudly served on the board of the National Association of Women Judges, representing Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas in 2018 to 2020 and begins a position on the Executive Board as Projects Chair in the Fall of 2020.