

**Honorable Karen Sage  
Judge  
299<sup>th</sup> District Court of Texas**

Karen Sage was elected as judge of the 299<sup>th</sup> District Court in 2010. As Judge of the 299<sup>th</sup> District Court, she presides over felony criminal matters. In addition to her criminal docket, Judge Sage has focused much of her efforts on creating new ways of dealing with defendants who suffer from substance abuse. Formerly, she served as an Assistant District Attorney for Travis County where she was given the task of creating the first felony mental health docket for the County. In 2014 Judge Sage and the Travis County Adult Probation Department worked together to form the first SAFPF Re-Entry Docket in Central Texas. The SAFPF Re-entry docket is focused on helping the highest risk/highest needs offenders in the criminal justice system integrate back into the community after drug treatment. She is a member of the Austin Bar Association, The American Bar Association and The National Association of Women Judges.

Before moving to Austin, Judge Sage worked as a prosecutor in the United States Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of New York. Prior to working in the US Attorney's Office, Judge Sage served as Counsel to the Mayor of Los Angeles. Judge Sage began her legal career with the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers in Los Angeles, which she joined after graduating cum laude from the University of Minnesota.

Judge Sage is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Law School of the University of Texas where she teaches a class on the Ethics of Criminal Law.