



Mattie Peterson Compton

Mattie Peterson Compton, a native of Fort Worth, served 40 years as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division. During her tenure in office, she served as a line assistant, Deputy Civil Chief, and the Deputy Criminal Chief of the Asset Recovery Unit. Prior to working in the U.S. Attorney's Office, Compton clerked for the late Honorable David O. Belew, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, and as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Fort Worth. A member of the Tarrant County Bar Association, Compton chaired the Tarrant County Bar Foundation, is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and is the 2017 recipient of the Tarrant County Bar Association's Blackstone Award, its highest honor.

Throughout her career she has also led a number of non-profits in the Fort Worth community. Among them are Easter Seals of Tarrant County, Multi-Cultural Alliance, L. Clifford Davis Legal Association, and Legal Aid of Northwest Texas (formerly West Texas Legal Services). She serves on the Board of Trustees of Smith College in Northampton, MA where she is a Vice-Chair of the Board.

She is the longtime chair of the Harriet Tubman Scholarship at Texas Christian University, Texas Wesleyan University, and Baylor University. She also has served in various capacities on the boards of a number of other non-profit and civic organizations, including United Way of Tarrant County, All Church Home (now ACH), Women's Center, and Child Study Center to name a few. She is a member of Fort Worth Rotary, where she will assume the position of Secretary of the Board of Directors on July 1, 2023.

Compton co-chairs the ACT (Acknowledge, Confess, Transform) Council at Broadway Baptist Church where she is a past chair of the Board of Deacons. She is a member of Fort Worth (TX) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. During her 38 years of membership in that organization, she has served in a number of leadership positions at the local, area, and national levels. She is also a co-organizer of Fort Worth Dallas Metroplex (TX) Chapter of Chums, Incorporated, where she served as national parliamentarian from 2008-2021.

The recipient of an A.B. in African American studies from Smith College in Northampton, MA, Compton earned her J.D. degree at the University of Michigan School of Law in Ann Arbor, MI. She is licensed to practice law in Texas, and Michigan.
