

Resume

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Personal History

John R. Sands was born November 14, 1938 in Commerce, Texas to Lee and Nannie Shirley Sands.

Education

John R. Sands graduated from West Delta High School, Klondike, Delta County, Texas May of 1957.

Received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice from East Texas State University [now Texas A&M University-Commerce] in August 1975.

Obtained the Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Instructors Certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

- Worked on a master's degree at East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas.
- Was a graduate assistant in the criminal justice department at East Texas State University from 1974 to 1978.

Instructor

1974 to 1980 - Taught at the Texhoma Police Academy, Sherman, Texas teaching The Code of Criminal Procedure, the Penal Code and Search and Seizure and Interrogation Techniques.

September 2-3, 1981 – The Texas Prosecutor Council *Making a Winning Case -Law Enforcement*

June 9-10, 1982 – The Prosecutor Council *Law Enforcement Workshop*, College Station, Texas.

April 25-26, 1984 – The Texas Prosecutor Council *Making a Winning Case – A Law Enforcement Workshop*, Ozona, Texas.

April 17, 2004 - North Texas Private Investigators Association for “outstanding continuing education instruction on the subject of Ethics”.

Employment

1958 to 1971 – Employed as supervisor in industrial plants.

1971-1974 Commerce Police Department, Commerce, Texas. Serving as a patrolman, patrol sergeant, Detective, Capitan of Detectives and Juvenile Officer

1974 – 1977 Investigator for the District Attorney Office in Greenville, Hunt County, Texas.

1977 - 1980 Investigator for the District Attorney Office in Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas serving Hopkins, Rains, Franklin and Delta County, Texas.

July 1980 – Formed the private investigations firm of Sandiver Investigations [A2661] with Larry G. Vandiver, Cooper, Texas.

January 1, 2011 to Present - Formed the private investigator firm John Sands, Private Investigator [A16569] after the retirement of Larry G. Vandiver.

Organizations

The Texas District and County Attorney Association, Investigators Section

- Secretary of the Board of Directors 1973 to 1981; Vice President 1994 to 1996; President of the Board 1981; and Chairman of the Board of Directors 1982;
- Served as the Newsletter editor 1992 to 1998;
- Served as the School Director for the North Texas Private Investigators from 1994 to 1998.
- I was awarded the Lifetime Membership by the North Texas Private Investigators Association for service to the organization and for work with the Texas Association of Licensed Investigators.
- While working with the Texas Association of Licensed Investigators I assisted the Legislative Committee in planning and implementing continuing education for investigators in the State of Texas.

National District Attorneys Association 1980-1981

The Texas Prosecutors Council

- Chairman of the Investigators Division

City of Commerce

1992 – 2008 – Elected councilman and mayor.

South Sulphur Regional Mobility Association

1995 to 1998 – Appointed to the Board of Directors for the association.

North East Texas Railroad Association

2001 to 2002 – A member of the association that assisted in obtaining funding through the Texas Department of Transportation to develop a short line railroad from Mt Pleasant, Texas to Wylie, Texas.

United Way of Hunt County

2005 to 2008 – Served on the Board of Directors and as the Chairman of the Board.

Hunt County Central Appraisal District

2008 – 2011 – Hunt County Central Appraisal District Appraisal Review Board;

2013 to Present – Elected to the Appraisal District Board of Directors