

PROSECUTOR TARA BRITT HITS TWENTY-YEAR MARK AS ADA

AFTER SHORT STINT IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, BRITT HIRED ON AS ADA IN 1998



Among other honors earned in her long career, Britt is also a past recipient of the Fern Holland Award. That award is given annually through TU Law School to recognize an outstanding female who works to empower women and children through the practice of law.

Tara Britt caught the 'wanting to be a lawyer' bug early in life. In high school she worked in a law firm as a receptionist, then spent her senior year in Washington DC as a Congressional Page. Although she wanted to be an attorney since the age of 16, her career took a minor detour for a few years before her long-held dream came true. After earning both her Bachelors and Master's degrees in Education, she taught 7th grade in Laredo, Texas for 4 years before taking the LSAT.

While in law school, Britt interned at the Tulsa County DA's Office but took a position in private practice after graduation. For 3 years Britt practiced divorce law and criminal defense work before ultimately being hired on as an Assistant District Attorney.

Since 17 of her 20-years at the DA's office has been spent at the Juvenile Bureau and in the Special Victims Unit, Britt says she feels most moved by the victimization of women and children. "I can see how alone they are," she says, "and my heart just wants to help them."

Britt admits that the job can be emotionally taxing. To cope, Britt says, "Weekends are all mine. I claim weekends. I decompress and do the things I enjoy: I watch football, cook, decorate and do all the mom stuff with my youngest child."

"I love my job. It's what I always wanted. I love exactly what I am doing; my passion and fire is for the victims that I am serving right now." -- Assistant District Attorney Tara Britt