

Sam Houston Clinton, Jr. was elected as a judge to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in 1978. He was reelected twice before retiring in 1996. As a member of the court, he authored the second most opinions of any judge of that court: 1,094. These opinions covered nearly every aspect of criminal law. Prior to his service on the court, Judge Clinton had a distinguished career. He was general counsel to the Texas AFL/CIO and the Texas Civil Liberties. He represented notable figures such as Madeline Murray O'Hair and Jack Ruby. During his career, he served on several committees of the State Bar of Texas.