

## About Judge Melroy “Mel” Koehler

Judge Melroy “Mel” Koehler was selected as the full-time Associate Judge for the Guadalupe County Magistrate’s Office on January 27, 2026, following unanimous approval by the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court. He was sworn in by Administrative Judge Heather Hines and now serves all five District and County Courts at Law in Guadalupe County.

Judge Koehler earned his undergraduate degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1994 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Baylor University Law School in 1998.

Early in his legal career, he gained valuable appellate experience through a grant-funded position with the Sixth Court of Appeals, where he conducted legal research, drafted briefs, and assisted in preparing judicial opinions—experience that continues to inform his thoughtful and thorough approach to the law. Judge Koehler brings nearly three decades of legal experience to the bench. His career includes private practice and extensive prosecutorial work with the Comal County Criminal District Attorney’s Office. During his tenure there, he handled a wide range of matters including juvenile cases, protective orders, mental health commitments, asset forfeitures, CPS cases, appeals, and both felony and misdemeanor prosecutions. In 2007, he was appointed Chief Misdemeanor Prosecutor, where he led a team responsible for managing thousands of cases annually. He also served as an original team member of the Comal County Accountability Court, the county’s DWI Specialty Court, and has spoken at numerous local and statewide DWI training programs for prosecutors and law enforcement.

A fifth-generation resident of the New Braunfels area, Judge Koehler has deep roots in the community he serves. He is a veteran of the United States Army Reserves, a past President of the Comal County Bar Association, and an Opa in the Wurstfest Association. His commitment to public service has remained constant throughout his career, including his appointment as Guadalupe County Magistrate in 2022, where he reviewed arrests, determined probable cause, set bail, issued emergency protective orders, and authorized blood search warrants in DWI cases. He will continue to do those duties as well as take on additional assignments from the courts such as handling negotiated pleas, pretrial motions, writ of habeas corpus, examining trials, issuance of search warrants, protective order hearings and any other matters referred to him by the Guadalupe County District or County Court’s at Law Judges.

Judge Koehler is honored to continue serving the citizens of Guadalupe County as Associate Judge. Drawing on decades of legal experience, strong community ties, and a commitment to fairness and integrity, he remains dedicated to upholding the rule of law and ensuring justice is administered with care, consistency, and respect for all.

