

## Biography of Katherine Cabaniss

**Katherine Cabaniss is a native Houstonian who grew up in the Memorial area. She attended Pepperdine University in California for both undergraduate and law school. After graduation, she took the bar exams in both California and Texas. She has been licensed to practice law in both states since 1992.**

**Katherine returned to Houston to practice law, and was employed as an Associate Attorney at Bennett Broocks, Baker and Lange, a civil firm. After a short time in civil practice, she became an Assistant District Attorney at the Harris County District Attorney's Office.**

**In 1995, she began her career as a prosecutor in the Trial Bureau in misdemeanor court. She soon moved to felony court and was promoted to Chief Prosecutor of a state district court. She prosecuted all felonies, from property crimes and drug cases to Aggravated Robbery and Capital Murder.**

**She was assigned as the Chief Prosecutor in several district courts, including that of Judge Mike McSpadden. As his chief in the 209<sup>th</sup> District Court, she prosecuted one Capital Murder case where the jury assessed the death penalty. She was also assigned twice to the Special Crimes Bureau in the Major Fraud Division, specializing in white collar crime and identity theft.**

**In September 2006, she became the Executive Director of Crime Stoppers of Houston. Her background in criminal law qualifies her to run this particular non-profit, which focuses on preventing and solving crimes in the Houston area. In partnership with law enforcement and the media, Crime Stoppers maintains a tip line, 713-222-TIPS, to take information from citizens about criminal activity. Crime Stoppers pays the callers cash rewards for the information. Crime Stoppers tips solved 1152 felony cases last year, and more than 600 defendants were arrested.**