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Blake A. Hawthorne is the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas. The Supreme Court of Texas appointed Blake to a four year term as the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas on August 1, 2006. The Court has reappointed him twice as Clerk of the Court. Prior to his appointment to Clerk of the Court, Blake served the Court as the Staff Attorney for Original Proceedings. Before joining the Court, he was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Texas and an associate in the law firms of Wiley, Rein & Fielding in Washington, D.C. and Jackson Walker in Fort Worth, Texas.

Blake graduated *magna cum laude* from Tulane University with a degree in Anthropology and Spanish in 1992. The faculty of the Anthropology Department awarded him the Robert Wauchope Award as the most outstanding graduate that year. While a student at Tulane, he spent his junior year abroad studying at La Universidad Complutense in Madrid, Spain. Blake graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 1996. He is Board Certified—Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Blake is a member of the Texas Judicial Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) and serves as the Chair of the Electronic Filing Subcommittee. He served as President of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks and Chair of the Austin Bar Association Appellate Section.

Blake is a native Texan, who was born in Austin, Texas. He is married to another native Texan and Austinite, Wendy Harvel, who is an administrative law judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. They have two daughters - Sophie and Eva.

In his free time, he enjoys photography, traveling, learning foreign languages, and building furniture.