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**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT**

**MIRANDA MEADOR**

**Humble High School, Class of 1998**



Upon graduation from Humble High School and Trinity University, Miranda Meador pursued a law degree at the University of Houston. Miranda is and has always been a public defender. She started her career working for the Texas prison system and traveled the state of Texas defending inmates accused of committing new crimes while incarcerated.

When the newly created Harris County Public Defender's Office opened, Miranda started in the juvenile division. Her work with children was nothing but extraordinary. She would drive wherever needed to meet them and often bake them special treats while they were in custody - understanding that although accused of a crime; they were just children first.

From the juvenile division, she moved on to the felony trial division. It was there that she put her energies into helping her clients in any way possible. She once had a client who was from Ethiopia and only spoke Amharic. She found a translator to work with him. She sought out someone familiar with the customs of people from Ethiopia so she could better understand him and what had happened. And when he asked for a Bible, she personally bought him one in his native language. When the jail somehow lost his first one, she bought him a second one. In January 2020, she moved to her current position in the office's appellate division.

Miranda has always had a heart for those that have the misfortune to fall between the cracks due to lack of family support, that may have been innocent, or received severe, unfair sentences. She supports equal and fair justice, working hard at usually lower salaries to do what she can as an attorney while raising four children that attend Humble schools. She is married to Matthew Mahony, currently an Associate Principal at Summer Creek High School.

As a proud second generation Humble graduate, Miranda enjoys sharing with her family the community events she attended as a child, such as Good Oil Days, the Humble Livestock Show and Rodeo, and the City of Humble Christmas parade and tree lighting!