

An Emmy and duPont-Columbia Award-winning journalist, and the youngest state judge to ever be elected in Texas, Catherine Crier is now a managing partner in Cajole Entertainment developing television, film and documentary projects.

Crier, a native of Dallas, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and international affairs from the University of Texas and received a Juris Doctor in two and a half years from Southern Methodist University School of Law. She began her career in law in 1978 as an Assistant District Attorney then Felony Chief Prosecutor for the Dallas County District Attorney's office. From 1982 to 1984, Crier was a civil litigation attorney with Riddle & Brown, handling complex business and corporate matters. In 1984, she was elected to the 162nd District Court in Dallas County, Texas as a State District Judge. During her tenure on the bench, Crier also served as Administrative Judge for the Civil District Courts and worked extensively with the ABA, National Judicial College, and Texas Legislature on legal issues. Shortly after her reelection (unopposed) to a second term on the bench, a chance meeting with a television news executive led to a dramatic career change.

In September, 1989, Crier was hired to co-anchor the premiere evening newscast on CNN. Additionally, she co-anchored *Inside Politics*, all election coverage, and hosted *Crier & Company*, a talk show covering news, politics and international issues.

Crier joined ABC News in 1993, where she served as a correspondent and as a regular substitute anchor for Peter Jennings on ABC's *World News Tonight*, as well as a substitute host for Ted Koppel's *Nightline*. She also worked as a correspondent on *20/20*, the network's primetime news magazine program. Crier was awarded a 1996 Emmy for Outstanding Investigative Journalism for her work on the segment "The Predators" which examined nursing home abuses throughout the United States.

In October of '96, Crier became one of the founding television anchors for the Fox News Channel, with her prime time program, *The Crier Report*, a live, hour-long nightly show, during which she interviewed the leading newsmakers of the day. Additionally, she co-anchored the evening news, election coverage and Fox Files, a magazine news show aired on the parent network.

Catherine joined Court TV's distinguished team of anchors in November 1999. She served as Executive Editor, Legal News Specials, in addition to hosting *Catherine Crier Live*, a fast-paced, live daily series, covering the day's "front-page" stories, until joining Cajole Entertainment in 2007.

Crier, a Texas-bred independent with a spirited passion for justice, released her first book, the *New York Times* Bestseller, *The Case Against Lawyers* in October, 2002. In this eye-opening and plain-spoken treatise on the law, Crier shares her outrage at the state of the justice system and calls on American citizens to demand reform. Her second book, *A Deadly Game: The Untold Story of the Scott Peterson Investigation* was released in March, 2005 and became a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. Her third book, *Contempt—How the Right is Wronging American Justice*, was published in September, 2006, and *Final Analysis: The Untold Story of the Susan Polk Murder Case* was released in March, 2007.

She is involved with many organizations and serves on several boards, including *Soldiers For The Truth*, dedicated to objective military reporting and assistance to America's troops, *PAX*, an organization working to reduce gun violence in America that targets the nation's children and the *NY Law School Committee on Media and Law*. Crier lives in Westchester County, New York. In her free time, she raises and trains Arabian Horses and enjoys playing golf and exploring the world.