

## **Sue Rosson Tejml**

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**PERSONAL:** Native Texan; raised in Corpus Christi (Copper Canyon resident since 1991)  
Married to husband Emil Tejml (engineer & attorney, retired Hoechst-Celanese VP)  
(In case you wondered, his Czech name does rhyme – A mull TAY mull.)  
Three adult children (all A&M grads), seven grandchildren (ages 2 to 26)  
With corporate moves, we have lived in 4 states, 6 Texas cities & worked abroad  
Stay-at-home mother, until I became an attorney at age 40.

**EDUCATION:** University of Texas at Austin (B.A. History)  
University of Hawaii (all summer, literature & history of the Pacific)  
Texas A&M University at Kingsville (M.A. History)  
Rice University (full scholarship for PhD History, lack dissertation for degree)  
New York University Law School (2 years) - U. of Houston Law School (LL.B.)

**MAYOR:** Town of Copper Canyon for 10 years; re-elected unopposed 6<sup>th</sup> term 2015-2017  
2015 Copper Canyon ranked #6 in Ten Best Neighborhoods in DFW Metroplex by Dallas Morning News, ranked #4 in safety for residents

Leadership North Texas Graduate – North Texas Commission – 2015 Class 6

Denco 911 – Board of Managers 2013-2015; nominee for 2<sup>nd</sup> term 2015-2017

### **“What’s Happening in Copper Canyon”**

For 10 years I have personally written this monthly Mayor’s column in *The Cross Timbers Gazette*, a local newspaper with 37,000 circulation. (Second in circulation in Denton County only to the *Dallas Morning News*.) This has been my attempt to keep residents informed of events in our Town and also of subjects of general interest in the area – roads, water, gas well drilling, etc.

### **Initiated Annual Denton County Mayors Crime Luncheon (2012-2015)**

The goal was to coordinate information on area crime between the Mayors, their Police Chiefs, the Denton County Sheriff’s Office, the Commissioners Court, our Texas Legislature representatives, and our US Congressman.

### **Denton County Emergency Services District #1**

Our small Town’s dilemma was inability to adequately fund emergency services. The Founding Committee’s task was to educate residents on the benefits of an ESD. The ESD would collectively provide fire and emergency medical services to the towns of Argyle, Bartonville, Copper Canyon, Corral City, Northlake, and FWSD #6 and #7 in Lantana. But a specific property tax would be needed to fund it. ESD#1 was created in 2006 by a 62% positive vote in a district-wide election.

**Drafting Committee: "Best Practices for Municipalities and Gas Pipelines"**

(Adopted 2010 by most cities and pipeline corporations with gas pipeline operations in Denton County.) This was a collaborative effort of Mayors, Denton County Commissioners, and the Texas Pipeline Association. The goal was to **expedite safe pipeline construction**, but with a **minimal impact** on landowners, local businesses, and future development plans of each city.

**Argyle Volunteer Fire District Board** (Served 10 years, 2005 to present)

**Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention**

Copper Canyon does not have a police department. Resident Block Captains were recruited for each street in town. The Town Council then contracted to pay for two Sheriff's Deputies dedicated to Copper Canyon for 80 hours per week. On every shift the Deputy patrols each street in Copper Canyon at least once and sometimes twice. The result has been a virtually crime free community for the past seven years. (It helps that the town is a stable community with neighbors personally knowing each other for years.)

**LEGAL:**       **Solo Attorney 15 years** (General Civil Practice - municipal, family law, oil & gas)  
                    Matagorda County Bar Association - President  
                    State Bar of Texas - State CLE Committee  
                                    District 5 Admissions  
                                    Texas Bar Foundation - Life Member

**FAMILY LAW:** **Board Certified Family Law** (for 10 years)  
                    Texas Supreme Court Committee on Child Support Guidelines  
                    Texas Supreme Court Committee on Child Visitation Guidelines

**MUNICIPAL:**   **City Attorney of Bay City, Texas** (for 6 years; population approx. 20,000)  
                    Municipal Prosecutor  
                    Legal Advisor to Police Department  
                    Bay City Home Rule Charter Commission (elected public office, Co-Chairman)  
                    Texas City Attorneys Association

**VOLUNTEER:** **CASA of Denton County** (2 years)  
                    (Volunteer as a Court appointed Special Advocate for abused children)  
                    HUG Romania – Volunteer in a Romanian orphanage for 3 weeks  
                    CERT trained for Town of Copper Canyon's Emergency Response

**INTERESTS:** **Home Design:** Designed 5 of our family homes, including in Copper Canyon  
**Misc.:** Computer, cooking, dollhouse miniatures, hunting, organic gardening  
**Read:** Biography, history, current global events, 1800's British romance novels

**WORLD TRAVEL:** **Eisenhower "People to People Ambassador"** – Texas guest of China's Department of Justice for one month with 50 American women attorneys & judges

**Have visited for a week to a month each in:** Alaska, Australia, Bermuda, Beirut, Canada, China, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Greece, Hawaii, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Singapore, Switzerland, Tahiti, Turkey, Venezuela, & Wales.

**Hope to visit:** Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Egypt, India, Israel, New Zealand, Peru, & Tasmania.