



*-Photo by Shiela Gilley, Associate Producer, "The Verdict"*

**COALGATE ATTORNEY TRAE GRAY**, right, during the taping of "The Verdict" television program. Shown with Gray are Sulphur attorney Phil Hurst, Oklahoma City mayor and show co-host Mick Cornett, and Kent Meyers, Oklahoma City attorney and co-host, from left.

### **COALGATE ATTORNEY TO APPEAR ON "THE VERDICT"**

Coalgate trial lawyer Trae Gray was recently invited to be a guest on the Cox Communications television program, "The Verdict."

The show is hosted by Oklahoma City Mayor, Mick Cornett, and Kent Meyers, director of the Oklahoma City branch of the law firm Crowe and Dunlevy.

Each week on "The Verdict," guests discuss legal or social issues of general interest to the viewers. The program presents thoughtful differences of opinion and perspectives through lively and educational discussions.

Trae appears on "The Verdict" with Sulphur attorney Phil Hurst for a segment about practicing law in a rural setting. Specific topics include conflicts of interest, the recession, taking on unpopular cases, and the largest challenges for small town lawyers in the coming decade.

Asked how guests are chosen for "The Verdict," Meyers replied: Basically, it's usually what the subject matter is. This is going to be a two-part series. The first part is about practicing law in a large firm in a metropolitan area. The second part is about practicing law in a rural setting.

"It was interesting to get two perspectives (from Hurst and Gray)," he said. "Phil has been practicing law since the early seventies, and Trae is a fairly new attorney. It was a nice combination.

Even though Trae is young, he's mature beyond his years. He's already been identified (in legal circles) as an up-and-comer, someone who's going places. He's a good guy. I like him personally."

Meyers teaches Antitrust Law, Trial Techniques, Professional Responsibility and Bankruptcy at the University of Oklahoma College of Law and at the University of Tulsa and Oklahoma City University Law Schools.

He is a co-founder of Oklahoma Lawyers for Children, which represents deprived children in Juvenile Court. He was a member (1985-1991) and Chairman (1990-1991) of the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Commission and is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was designated a Distinguished Lecturer in Law at Oxford University for the summer of 2001.

Cornett graduated from the University of Oklahoma on the Dean's Honor Roll with a degree in Television News. He spent 20 years in local television working in both news and sports, serving as a reporter, anchor and manager. As a news anchor, he covered City Hall from 1997-1999. He received numerous local and national awards for his work.

In 1999, he left television and started his own video production company specializes in the corporate and legal community.

Cornett won a seat on the Oklahoma City Council in 2001 and became Oklahoma City's 35<sup>th</sup> mayor on March 2, 2004. Elected at age 45, he is the city's youngest mayor since 1959.

Gray said he was honored to be asked on "The Verdict." "Kent Meyers and Phil Hurst are two of the finest lawyers in our state. For it to even be suggested that I might one day be part of that group is an unbelievable honor for me. I have the utmost respect for both of them."

Gray opened his law office in Coalgate in 2006 and takes pride in representing ordinary people and landowners.

He currently serves as president of the Coal County Bar Association and city attorney for the City of Coalgate.

He is a member of The Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, American Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association, American Association for Justice (Board of Governors Young Lawyers Division), National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Oklahoma Trial Lawyers Association, and the Oklahoma Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

The television segment in which Gray appears will air on Cox Channel 3 in Oklahoma City and Cox Channel 3 in Tulsa as follows:

Sunday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m.; Monday, July 12 at 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, July 13 at 10:00 a.m.

"The Verdict" first aired in April 2001. More about the show can be found online at [www.theverdict.tv](http://www.theverdict.tv).

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