

BIOGRAPHY

KENT F. FRATES

EDUCATION

Stanford University BA Economics
Oklahoma City University Law School
University of Arizona Law School J.D.

MILITARY SERVICE

USAF Reserve, Airman First Class

PROFESSIONAL

- Practicing Attorney, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Past Member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- Past Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
- Member of the Arizona and Oklahoma State Bar Associations

LITERARY

- Writer, publisher and editor of a political and literary newsletter, *Common Sense*(1997-)
- Writer, editor and publisher of *Sports Source*, a monthly publication distributed in Oklahoma, dealing with individual participant sports (circulation 20,000), from 2001-2006.
- Author of the original screenplay for the movie, "CockFight," starring Wilford Brimley. The movie was shown on Pay Per View, theatrically in Oklahoma and, released on DVD.
- Author, historical article, "The Kidnapping of Charles Urschel by Machine Gun Kelly", *Oklahoma Today* January/February 2003. This article received an Award of Merit from the International Regional Magazine Association, 2004.
- Author of the novel "Don't Never Shoot Short," (Bridgeway Books 2007).
- Author of the historical article "The Mysterious Death of the Flying Bootlegger" *Oklahoma Today* January/February 2008, which won an award from the Oklahoma Society of Professional Journalists.
- Author of the article "Hiking Oklahoma, A Field Guide" *Oklahoma Today* March/April 2009, which won an award from the Oklahoma Society of Professional Journalists.
- Co-Author of the book "Oklahoma Hiking Trails," (University of Oklahoma Press 2010) the first comprehensive hiking guide to Oklahoma.
- Author of the essays included in the book "Oklahoma Courthouse Legends," (Courthouse Legends 2010) an historic and photographic book on Oklahoma's county courthouses, with photographs by David Fitzgerald.
- Author of "Oklahoma's Most Notorious Cases" to be released in 2014.

POETRY

- Published poems; "I Just Saw You for the First Time"; Best Poems of 1998 (The National Library of Poetry); "Ghosts", Chasing the Wind (The National Library of Poetry, 1997); and, "The Captain and His Crew," an art and poetry book. (1997)

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