

Terry Bentley Hill

Bio

Terry Bentley Hill is the founder and owner of TBH Criminal Defense, a Dallas-based firm focused on representing individuals navigating the intersection of criminal law and mental health. Practicing primarily in Dallas County, she is widely regarded as a go-to attorney for clients whose legal challenges are rooted in underlying mental health conditions.

Hill approaches each case by identifying the root cause of the alleged conduct, developing strategic pathways toward equitable resolutions—whether through dismissals, pretrial intervention programs, or case rejections. Her work is grounded in a core principle: individuals suffering from mental illness require treatment, not incarceration. To that end, she routinely collaborates with mental health clinicians and treatment providers to structure alternatives that prioritize recovery over punishment.

Her commitment to mental health extends beyond her client work and into the legal profession itself. For nearly three decades, Hill has been a leading advocate for attorney wellness. She has served on numerous boards and committees dedicated to improving mental health outcomes within the profession, including the Texas Lawyers Assistance Program (TLAP), the National Association for the Prevention of Attorney Suicide (NAPAS), McShane's Mission: No Attorney Stands Alone, and the Dallas Bar Association Wellness Committee.

Hill's contributions have been recognized statewide and locally. She is a recipient of the State Bar of Texas Presidential Citation and the Texas Bar Foundation's Terry Lee Grantham Award, among other honors for her sustained commitment to lawyer well-being.

A sought-after speaker both locally and nationally, Hill is also the founder of #StopMindingYourOwnBusiness, a foundation dedicated to encouraging meaningful intervention, connection, and support for those struggling with mental health challenges.