



**Bonnie Prosser Elder**  
**General Counsel / Senior Vice President**  
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Bonnie Prosser Elder is General Counsel / Senior Vice President for VIA Metropolitan Transit, the transportation system for the San Antonio/Bexar County area. In this capacity, she is responsible for the oversight and coordination of legal services for the organization. She is also responsible for the risk management and claims section of the organization. Bonnie has been involved in the public sector and transportation issues for over 25 years. She is the former chair of the American Public Transit Association Legal Affairs Committee and a frequent lecturer on government/public board ethics.

As General Counsel/Senior Vice President and in other positions held within the agency, Ms. Prosser Elder has developed experience and expertise in the following areas:

- Extensive experience in law, public administration, and open government matters for public agencies.
- Experience in litigation management, cost containment measures, and the development of in-house counsel/law firm partnerships for the effective management of legal matters.
- Significant experience working with the Board of Trustees and management teams at all levels to develop legal options and solutions for the company's business needs.
- Broad experience in intergovernmental relations, legislative matters, contract development and ethical considerations for public and private matters.

Over the years, Bonnie has devoted time and resources mentoring young people in the community and has been involved in a number of civic and professional organizations including the San Antonio Bar Association, San Antonio Black Lawyer's Association, Texas Young Lawyers Association, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association 1993-94 Director, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association Bill of Rights Teaching Program, Leadership San Antonio 1993-94, Governor's Commission for Women - 1994-95, San Antonio Sports Foundation and Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (Immediate Past President),

Bonnie is an active member of San Antonio Chapter-LINKS, Inc., Junior League of San Antonio (Sustainer), Texas Women's Forum, Van Courtlandt Club Auxiliary and the American Public Transit Association Legal Affairs Committee (former Chair). She has been recognized by Who's Who in San Antonio, awarded the 2014 Friend of Sam Houston High School Community Award, identified by the National Diversity Council as one of the "Most Powerful and Influential Women of Texas" and selected as a 2014-2015 Blackbook San Antonio awardee.

Bonnie is a graduate of St. Gerard's Catholic High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law.

Bonnie is a native of San Antonio, Texas and the daughter of the late Frank and Melviline Prosser. She is married to Dr. Edward Carl Elder a local optometrist and active member of the San Antonio community. Together they have a daughter, Marissa Brooke Elder, a graduate of Antonian College Preparatory High School and junior student at The University of Texas at Austin. Bonnie and her family attend Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.