

Dietrich von Biedenfeld is no stranger to local government. He is currently serving his fifth term on City Council and is also the current Mayor Pro Tem for the City of West Columbia in Brazoria County while also serving as an assistant professor in business law courses at the University of Houston Downtown. He specifically teaches courses such as Legal and Ethical Aspects of Supply Chain Management, Commercial Law, Business Law, International Law, Water Law, State and Local Government Law, Federal Indian Law, and Veterans Law. Dietrich received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Houston in Sociology and Political Science and proceeded to obtain his Juris Doctorate at the University of Mississippi. He has also done some post-graduate work with Norwich University in the public diplomacy program and University of Houston in department of sociology.

Dietrich is an experienced businessman at the domestic and international levels, has represented veterans of the U.S. armed services in state and federal courts for many years, has served four years on the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and has served as a Trustee at the Columbia United Methodist Church. He has also served as chairman of the Dispute Resolution Committee of the American Bar Association.

The youngest of four children, Dietrich is a third-generation member of the West Columbia community and credits his parents (a Vietnam veteran and a retired teacher) for instilling the values of servant leadership because they selflessly gave, encouraged others, and sought to understand before offering advice. He also notes that Theodore Roosevelt, with his charisma and expansive interests, has been a role model for his public service.