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**EDUCATION**

Texas Tech University, B.B.A. in Finance, 1965

University of Texas School of Law, J.D., 1968

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Member, State Bar of Texas (since 1968)

Board Certified by Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Family Law (1980 and re-certified in 2020)

Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Vice Chairman of the Collaborative Law Committee (2010)

Vice Chair of Professional and Collegiality Committee (2015)

Officer of the Texas Chapter, Treasurer (2001-2002); Secretary (2002-2003); President-Elect (2003-2004); President (2005-2006)

Member, Board of Governors of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, National Chapter (2006-2009)

Fellow, International Academy of Family Lawyers

Member, American Bar Association - Family Law Section

Associate, American Board of Trial Advocates

Member, Board of Trustees for the Collaborative Institute of Texas (2003-2007)

Charter Member, Texas Family Law Foundation

Member, Board of Trustees (2006-2009)

Member, College of the State Bar of Texas

Member, Family Law Section Council, State Bar of Texas (2003-Present)

Secretary (2008-2009); Treasurer (2009-2010); Vice-Chair (2010-2011);

Chair (2011-2012); Immediate Past Chair (2012-2013)

Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

Life Fellow, American Bar Foundation (2006-Present)

Listed in the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Registry of Preeminent Lawyers

Member, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists

President, Travis County Family Law Advocates (2000-2001)

President, Political Action Committee (2001-2002)

Member, State Bar Task Force on Reorganization of the Office of General Counsel (1994)

Member, Austin Bar Association

Life Fellow, Austin Bar Foundation

**LEGAL PROFILE & HONORS**

Practice includes family law, including litigation, mediation and arbitration, and collaborative law.

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Family Law Section (1987-Present)

Listed in *Austin Monthly*, The Best Lawyers in Austin - Family Law (2002)

Named by *Texas Monthly Magazine* as: “Texas Super Lawyers” (2003-2019), one of the “Top 50 Lawyers in Central/West Texas Region” (2004, 2007, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020), and one of the “Top 100 Lawyers in Texas” (2007)

Received President and Chair’s Courage and Integrity Award given by Planned Parenthood Federation of America (2004)

Received Good Guys and Gals Award given by the National Women’s Political Caucus, Texas Chapter (2004)

Received the “Distinguished Lawyer Award” by the Austin Bar Association (2008)

Received the Outstanding Fundraiser Award given by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Austin Chapter (2008)

Named “Lawyer of the Year in Central Texas” by Best Lawyers (2009)

Winner of the *Sam Emison Award*, voted by the Texas Association of Family Law Specialists (2013)

Recognized for Contributions to the Advancement of Professionalism and Collegiality by the President of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2015)

Received the “Larry York Mentor Award” by the Austin Bar Association (2016)

Received the “Professionalism Award” by the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2019)

Received the “Outstanding 50 Year Lawyer Award” by the Texas Bar Foundation (2019)

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Family Law Mediation Section (2021)

“AV” rating, Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory

Finalist, 1st annual “Ethics in Business Awards”: Individual (Samaritan Counseling Center and St. Edwards University)

**LEGAL SEMINARS AND WRITINGS**

Author/Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Drafting Course - *The Use of Paralegals in Family Law Cases* (1995)

Author/Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course - *Valuation and Appraisals* (1997)

Author, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Courses - *Ethical Traps in Family Law Cases: Avoiding Land Mines* (1998)

Author, State Bar of Texas Advance Family Law Course - *In the Trenches: Winning Techniques in Family Law Litigation* (1998)

Author, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course - *Securing and Collecting What Your Client Got* (1999)

Author/Speaker, Ultimate Trial Notebook for Family Law - *The Use of Paralegals in Family Law Cases* (2000)

Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course - *Characterization and Tracing* (2003)

Author/Speaker, Advanced Family Law Course - *Professionalism in Family Law* (2004)

Speaker, 1st Annual Collaborative Law Seminar - *The Use of Collaborative Law in Your Practice* (2004)

Author/Speaker, Ultimate Trial Notebook - *Pretrial and Scheduling Orders* (2004)

Speaker, University of Texas Family Law on the Front Lines - *Collaborative Law* (2004)

Author/Speaker, Collaborative Law Spring Retreat - *Leadership and Self-Renewal for Collaborative Professionals* (2005)

Author/Speaker, University of Texas Family Law on the Front Lines - *Impaired Clients: Ethical Issues and Advocacy* (2005)

Author/Speaker, Associate Judge’s Training - *The Hague Convention* (2005)

Author/Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course - *Ethics & the Enhancement of the Attorney-Client Relationship* (2005)

Author/Speaker, Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar – *Professionalism & Ethics for Paralegals* (Midland 2006)

Speaker, Paralegal Association of the Permian Basin – *Ethics* (2006)

Speaker, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists’ Trial Institute - *Litigation Alternative - Collaborative Law* (Reno, Nevada 2006)

Moderator of Judges’ Panel, State Bar of Texas Marriage Dissolution Institute (2006)

Course Director, Family Law, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (Austin 2006)

Course Director, *Ultimate Trial Notebook* (New Orleans, Louisiana 2006)

Speaker/Panelist, State Bar of Texas Family Law on the Front Lines - *Representing the Difficult Client* (Galveston 2007)

Workshop Moderator, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course, *Advanced Collaborative Law* (San Antonio 2007)

Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course - *The Not So Easy To Identify Executive Employment Benefits* (San Antonio 2007)

Author/Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course - *The Professional Practice: Yourself, Your Office, and Your Relationships with Others* (2008)

Author/Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course - *Getting to Closure and Managing Client Relations, Collaborative Family Law Track* (2008)

Speaker, Collaborative Law Institute of Texas Boot Camp - *Ethics in Collaborative Law* (2009)

Speaker, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Annual Meeting, USA and Canadian Chapters, *The Path to Yearning for Zion/FLDS* (San Antonio 2009)

Speaker/Panelist, University of Texas School of Law and Texas Family Law Foundation’s 10th Biennial *Family Law Legislative Update* (2009)

Speaker, Austin Bar Association - *Family Law Practice in Difficult Economic Times* (2009)

Panelist, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course – *Joinder of Third Parties: Entities and/or Individuals* (Dallas 2009)

Speaker/Panelist, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course – *Valuation: Approaches, Assets and Authority* (2010)

Speaker, State Bar of Texas Family Law Boot Camp – *Alternative Dispute Resolution* (San Antonio 2010)

Author/Speaker, Marriage Dissolution Course 101 – *Temporary Orders: What You Can Get and How to Get It* (2010)

Speaker, Marriage Dissolution Course 101 – *Client Screening: It’s a Tough Job, But Somebody’s Got to Do It* (2011)

Co-Course Director, Advanced Family Law Course (2011)

Speaker, Advanced Family Law Course – *Top Ten Property Case You Need to Know* (2012)

Speaker, International Conference on Couple and Family Relations – *Is it Child Abuse and Neglect or Social Policy Gone Awry?* (2012)

Panelist, State Bar of Texas Negotiation Strategies for Lawyers and Negotiation Ethics (Austin 2012)

Author/Speaker, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course: *The Professional Practice* (2013)

Speaker, Various seminars for the Paralegal Division of the State Bar of Texas, State Bar of Texas, Travis County Bar Association, and Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas

Speaker, Advanced Family Law Course – *Professionalism in Family Law* (2014)

Speaker Panelist, Civil Litigation – *Witness Testimony: Nailing Your Direct and Cross-Examination* (2014)

Speaker, Technology 360 Conference – *Balancing Your Life in This Technical World* (2014)

Speaker, Marriage Dissolution Institute – *Taking the “High Road” Encourages Integrity* (2015)

Speaker, Family Law 101 – *Basic Litigation Techniques: What Works and What Doesn’t* (2015)

Author/Speaker, Advanced Family Law Course – *Do’s and Don’ts in Trial Preparation/Litigation* (2015)

Speaker, Marriage Dissolution Institute – *Masters of Family Law* (2016)

Speaker, Advanced Family Law Course – *How to Live Long, be Prosperous and be a Professional* (2016)

Panelist, State Bar of Texas New Frontiers in Marital Property Law – *Employee Benefits, How the World is Changing* (Louisville 2016)

Panelist, State Bar of Texas Family Law 101 – *The Top Ten Do’s and Don’ts – Lawyers View* (San Antonio 2017)

Speaker, Advanced Family Law Course – *Professionalism – Lessons Learned* (2019)

**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION & COLLABORATIVE TRAINING & EXPERIENCE**

LBJ School of Public Affairs Advanced Mediation Training (1997)

Advanced Family Law Mediation Training (1997)

Dispute Resolution Center of Austin Mediation Training:

Basic 40-hour course (2004)

Family Law course (2004)

Travis County Bar Association Settlement Week Mediator Training

Appointed by Travis County District Judges as court-appointed mediator

Volunteer mediator, Travis County Settlement Weeks (1989-1997)

Volunteer mediator, Williamson County Settlement Week (1999-Present)

Collaborative Divorce Training:

Basic (2000, 2002, 2003)

Intermediate (2000)

Interdisciplinary (2006)

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Arbitration Training (2000)