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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 (re-certified most recently 2010)  
Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers  
Vice Chairman of the Collaborative Law Committee, 2010  
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  
Fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial 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 (2003-2010)  
Secretary, 2008-2009; Treasurer, 2009-2010; Vice-Chair, 2010-2011;  
Chair, 2011-2012  
Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation  
Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2006-2009  
Life Fellow, State Bar of Texas  
Life Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Foundation  
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  
Member, Williamson County Bar Association

## LEGAL PROFILE & HONORS

Forty-four years' experience in the practice of law in Austin, Texas  
Practice includes primarily family law, including collaborative divorce, litigation, mediation and arbitration.

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Family Law Section, 1987-present

Named by *Texas Monthly Magazine* as: "Texas Super Lawyers" (2003 - present), one of the "Top 50 Central/West Texas Region" (2004 and 2007), and one of the "Top 100 Lawyers in Texas" (2007).

Named "Lawyer of the Year in Central Texas" by Best Lawyers, 2009

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

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

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

"AV" rating, Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory

Finalist, 1<sup>st</sup> annual "Ethics in Business Awards": Individual (Samaritan Counseling Center and St. Edwards University)

## LEGAL SEMINARS AND WRITINGS

Author and speaker, 1995 State Bar of Texas' Advanced Family Law Drafting Course - *The Use of Paralegals in Family Law Cases*

Author and speaker, 1997 State Bar of Texas' Advanced Family Law Course - *Valuation and Appraisals*

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

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

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

Author and speaker, 2000 Ultimate Trial Notebook for Family Law - *The Use of Paralegals in Family Law Cases*

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

Author and speaker, 2004 Advanced Family Law Course - *Professionalism in Family Law*

Speaker, 2004 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Collaborative Law Seminar - *The Use of Collaborative Law in Your Practice*

Author and speaker, 2004 Ultimate Trial Notebook - *Pretrial and Scheduling Orders*

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

Author and speaker, 2005 Collaborative Law Spring Retreat - *Leadership and Self-Renewal for Collaborative Professionals*

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

Author and speaker, 2005 Associate Judge's Training - *The Hague Convention*

Author and speaker, 2005 State Bar of Texas' Advanced Family Law Course - *Ethics & the Enhancement of the Attorney-Client Relationship*

Speaker, 2006 Paralegal Association of the Permian Basin - *Ethics*  
Speaker, 2006, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists' Trial Institute - *Litigation Alternative - Collaborative Law* (Reno, Nevada)  
Moderator of Judges' Panel, 2006 State Bar of Texas' Marriage Dissolution Institute  
Course Director, 2006 - Family Law, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (Austin)  
Course Director, 2006 - *Ultimate Trial Notebook* (New Orleans, Louisiana)  
Speaker/Panelist, 2007 State Bar of Texas' Family Law on the Front Lines - *Representing the Difficult Client* (Galveston)  
Workshop Moderator, 2007 State Bar of Texas' Advanced Family Law Course, *Advanced Collaborative Law* (San Antonio)  
Speaker, 2007 State Bar of Texas' Advanced Family Law Course - *The Not So Easy To Identify Executive Employment Benefits* (San Antonio)  
Author and speaker, 2008 State Bar of Texas' Advanced Family Law Course - *The Professional Practice: Yourself, Your Office, and Your Relationships with Others*  
Author and speaker, 2008 State Bar of Texas' Advanced Family Law Course - *Getting to Closure and Managing Client Relations, Collaborative Family Law Track*  
Speaker, 2009 Collaborative Law Institute of Texas Boot Camp - *Ethics in Collaborative Law*  
Speaker, 2009 International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Annual Meeting, USA and Canadian Chapters, *The Path to Yearning for Zion/FLDS* (San Antonio)  
Speaker/Panel, 2009 University of Texas School of Law and Texas Family Law Foundation's 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial *Family Law Legislative Update*  
Speaker, 2009 Austin Bar Association - *Family Law Practice in Difficult Economic Times*  
Speaker/Panelist, 2010 State Bar of Texas' Advanced Family Law Course – *Valuation: Approaches, Assets and Authority*  
Speaker, 2011 Marriage Dissolution Course 101 – *Client Screening: It's a Tough Job, But Somebody's Got to Do It*  
Co-Course Director, 2011 Advanced Family Law Course  
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

## **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 Matrimony Lawyers Arbitration Training (2000)