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EDUCATION

University of Texas School of Law (J.D. 1976)

Trinity University (B.A. 1973)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

RIVERS ♦ MCNAMARA, PLLC (founded 2011)

BROWN MCCARROLL, LLP and HILGERS & WATKINS, PC (1980-2011)

Assistant Attorney General, State of Texas (Law Enforcement Division 1976-1980)

Certifications in Civil Trial Law, Civil Appellate Law and Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Court Admissions: United States Supreme Court; United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas; Fifth and Eleventh Circuit Courts of Appeals

State Bar of Texas:

Current Member: Litigation, Appellate, and Family Law Sections

Civil Trial Law Advisory Commission, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2001-2006),
Chair (2005-2006)

Pattern Jury Charge--Family Law Committee (1998-2000)

Administration of Rules of Evidence Committee (1991-1993)

Committee on Liaison with Federal Judiciary (1979-1980)

Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court (Master 1996-2006; Master Emeritus 2007-present):

Immediate Past President (2004-2005)

President (2003-2004)

Counselor (2002-2003)

Treasurer (1998-2002)

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (2005-present)

Collaborative Law Institute, Texas (2007 – 2013)

Texas Bar Foundation, Life Fellow:

Chair, District 9 Nominations Committee (1997-1999)

Travis County Bar Association (1980-present):

Member, Board of Directors (1985-1986, 1987-1988)

Judicial Evaluation Committee (1985, 1999)

CLE Program Committee (1986-1987)

Bankruptcy Law Section, Program Director (1986)

Law Day, Bench Bar & Settlement Week Committees (various)

Brown Bag Seminars, Chair (1987-1988)

Travis County Family Law Section (1980-present):

President (1985-1986)

Secretary-Treasurer (1984-1985)

Protective Orders Committee (1984-1985)

Austin Bankruptcy Lawyers Association (1986-1993):

Local Rules Committee (1985)

Seminar Co-Coordinator (1986)

Austin Young Lawyers Association (1981-1988):

Judges' Litigation Seminar Co-coordinator (1987)

Austin Lawyer Care attorney recruitment project volunteer (1987)

CLE Committee (1986-1987)

Austin Lawyers Care recruitment campaign (1987)

Family Counselor's Seminar Committee (1986)

Constitution and Bylaws Committee (1985)

Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit (1985-1995)

Federal Bar Association (1985-1987)

CIVIC AFFAIRS

James Dick Foundation for the Performing Arts, Board of Directors (2015-present)

SafePlace, Board of Directors (2000-2004)

Finance Committee Member (2001-2002)

Legislative Affairs Committee Member (2003)

Grove Place Affordable Housing Committee Member (2003)

Austin Y.W.C.A. Board of Directors (1987-1996)

Planned Parenthood - Legal Advisory Committee (1992)

Austin Community College, Committee for Development of Paralegal Training Program (1986)

Member, Institute for the Humanities at Salado (1983-1993)

Austin Civic Orchestra, Principal flutist (1987-1989)

Civil Air Patrol (1976-1980)

City of Austin Community Development Commission (1975-1976)

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES (partial listing):

Dealing with an Impaired Client – Travis County Family Law Association (May 2015)

Wiretapping and Spoliation: What it Is and What it Isn't panel – Austin Bar Association, Bench Bar (April 2014) and Austin Family Law Association (May 2014)

Opening Statements panel – Austin Bar Association, Ultimate Trial Notebook (November 2013)

Fiduciary Duty – Attorneys, State Bar of Texas, Fiduciary Litigation (December 2010)

Spy Torts – Litigation Uses of Electronically-Acquired Information, TAPS Annual Seminar (September 2010)

Intake of Family Law Cases, In-House CLE Presentation (July 2010)

Trying the Relocation Case, State Bar of Texas Webcast (June 2010)

Expert Psychological Testimony in Family Law Cases, State Bar of Texas Webcast (May 2010)

Fiduciary Duties in Family Law, State Bar of Texas, Fiduciary Litigation (April 2008)

Ethics and Electronic Discovery, University of Texas School Law Conference (February 2008)

Ethics Issues in Family Law Cases and Opening Statements, State Bar of Texas, The Trial of a Family Law Jury Case (December 2007 & January 2008)

Conflicts of Interest – A Case Study, Capital Area Paralegal Association, 2007

Spy Torts, State Bar of Texas Webcast, 2007

Ethical Considerations re: Partnership Representations – A Case Study, Dallas Bar Association, 2006

Dual Representation Issues Involving Business Entities, Travis County Bar Association, 2006

Legal Liability Issues, Texas Judges' College 2006

Grandparents Rights: Parenting Second Time Around, State Bar of Texas Legal Assistants Division, 2005 Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar, (September 2005)

Ethical Considerations in Representing Partners and Partnerships, University of Texas, 2005 Partnerships, Limited Partnerships and LLCs seminar (speech, July 2005)

Evidence and Discovery in Arbitration and Mediation, State Bar of Texas, Advanced Evidence & Discovery Course (April & May 2005)

Co-Course Director, State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course (2004)

Fiduciary Aspects of the Attorney-Client Relationship, State Bar of Texas, Fiduciary Litigation Course (May 2004)

Family Law Litigation, Travis County Estate and Probate Section (March 2004)

Ethics and Corporate Counsel, SBC Corporation General Counsel Conference (February 2004)

Ethics and Experts, State Bar of Texas, Advanced Expert Witness Course (February 2004)

Fiduciary Litigation, State Bar of Texas, Advanced Civil Trial Course (August 2003)

Handling a Family Law Case in Travis County, Travis County Bench Bar Conference, Panel Discussion (April 2003)

State Bar College Spring Training, *Confidentiality & Privilege Issues in the e-Age* (March 2003)

State Bar of Texas, 16th Annual Advanced Evidence & Discovery Course, *Confidentiality & Privilege Issues in the e-Age* (March 2003)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, *Confidentiality & Privilege Issues arising from the Internet, Cell Phones, Faxes and Emails* (June 2002)

Travis County Bar Association Estate Planning & Probate Section, *Hot Topic in Community Property Law: Characterization of Unvested Stock Options* (April 2002)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Family Law Course 2001, *Dealing with Illegally Obtained Evidence* (August 2001)

State Bar of Texas, State Bar Convention, *Ethics in Litigation Panel* (June 2001)

Houston Bar Association, Advanced Business & Commercial Law, *Legal Malpractice* (May 2001)

State Bar of Texas, Trial Advocacy for the 21st Century, *Discovery, Motion to Qualify/Disqualify an Expert* (March 2001)

Robert W. Calvert American Inns of Court, *Bush v. Gore* (February 2001)

Travis County Domestic Relations Office, Guardian ad Litem Training Program, *Testifying in Court* (September 2000)

Austin Young Lawyers Association, Brown Bag Seminar, *Ethics* (September 2000)

State Bar of Texas, Legal Assistants' Division College, *Advanced Family Law Drafting, Ethics in Litigation* (September 2000)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Personal Injury Course, *Ethical Dilemmas Panel, Ethical Issues in Evidence & Discovery, and Fiduciary Duty & Third Party Reliance Panel* (May, July, August 2000)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Evidence Course, *Ethical Dilemmas Panel, Ethical Issues in Evidence & Discovery, and Fiduciary Duty & Third Party Reliance Panel* (February, April 2000)

Travis County Bar Association, Oil & Gas Section, *Burrow v. Arce and Fiduciary Responsibilities of Lawyers* (November 1999)

Southwest Legal Foundation's Patent Law Institute, *Ethical Issues in Patent Litigation* (November 1999)

Houston Bar Association, *Ethics Issues* (November 1999)

State Bar of Texas, 13th Annual Advanced Evidence & Discovery Course, *Ethical Dilemmas Panel, Ethical Issues in Evidence & Discovery, and Fiduciary Duty Panel* (November 1999, February 2000, April 2000)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Civil Trial Course, *Fiduciary Litigation* (August, September & October 1999)

University of Houston Law Foundation, Discovery Institute, *Ethical Considerations and Malpractice Prevention in Litigation – Emphasis on Discovery* (May 1999)

Capital Area Paralegal Association, *Divorce and Property* (February 1999)

State Bar of Texas, *Conflicts and Disqualification Issues Update* (February 1999)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Civil Trial Course, *Fiduciary Litigation* (September, October & November 1998)

University of Houston Law Foundation, Marriage Dissolution Institute, *Ethical Considerations and Malpractice Prevention in a Family Law Matter* (June 1998)

State Bar of Texas, Recognizing and Resolving Conflicts of Interest, *Motions to Disqualify* (May 1997)

University of Houston Law Foundation, Family Law Practice Institute, *Ethical Considerations and Malpractice Prevention in a Family Law Practice* (September 1996)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Civil Trial Course, *Disqualification of Lawyers and Judges* (August 1996)

University of Houston Law Foundation, Advanced Civil Litigation, *Ethical Considerations and Malpractice Prevention in Litigation* (April 1996)

State Bar of Texas, *Tort Reform 1995: Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Consumer Protection Act, Insurance Code, Exemplary Damages and Bifurcated Trials* (April 1996)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Appellate Practice Seminar, *Preservation of Error in State Court: Pretrial and Trial Stages* (June 1995)

University of Texas, Fifth Annual Conference on Techniques for Handling Appeals in the State and Federal Court, *Preservation of Error in State Court: Pretrial and Trial Stages* (June 1995)

Legal Assistants Division, Advanced Personal Injury Law Seminar, *Appellate Practice -- Nuts and Bolts* (February 1995)

State Bar of Texas, Trial and Tactics, *Preservation of Error in the Trial Court* (April 1991)

AYLA/TCBA, Divorce Basics Seminar, *Decrees and Wage Withholding Orders* (March 1990)

State Bar of Texas, First Annual Advanced Family Law Course, *Preservation of Error in The Trial Court* (August 1989)

State Bar of Texas, Advanced Civil Trial Course, *Texas Summary Judgment Practice* (June 1988)

State Bar of Texas, Marriage Dissolution Institute, *Bankruptcy and Divorce* (May 1988)

AYLA Austin Lawyer's Care Seminar, *Final Judgments and Decrees* (March 1988)

Austin Society of CPA's, *Legal Aspects of Bankruptcy: Counseling your Debtor Client* (September 1987)

Travis County Bar Association, Brown Bag Seminar, *Modification Motions in Bankruptcy Court* (April 1987)

Travis County Bar Association, Divorce Practice Seminar, *Divorce Practice for the General Practitioner and Federal Law and Texas Divorce* (March 1987)

Austin Lawyers Journal Article, *Child Support Amendments* (received TCBA Outstanding Journal Article Award, May 1986)

AYLA Family Counselors Seminar, Counseling and The Legal Process, *The Professional as Expert* (April 1986)

AYLA, Divorce Practice Seminar, *Closing the Case: Decrees, Agreements and Sale Instruments* (May 1985)

Austin Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Workshop, *presentation on Employee Hiring, Promotion and Layoff* (July 1984)

State Bar of Texas, Collecting on Debts and Judgments, *Collecting Claims Through Bankruptcy* (May 1984)

State Bar of Texas, Bankruptcy Institute Series, *Voidable Transfers* (April 1983)