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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Mary Evelyn McNamara is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Her practice focuses on divorces and other family law cases involving complex property and children's issues, child custody modifications, and enforcement of court orders. Having experience as a former briefing attorney for the Third Court of Appeals, Ms. McNamara also handles family law appeals.

EDUCATION

- ❖ University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 2002)
Texas Law Review, Notes Editor
- ❖ Duke University (B.A., English and History, 1986)

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION

- ❖ Board Certified in Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2009, recertified in 2014, 2019)
- ❖ Attorney at Law, Texas (2002)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Rivers ♦ McNamara, PLLC, Partner (founded March 2011)
- ❖ Brown McCarroll, LLP, Partner, Associate (September 2004 – February 2011)
- ❖ Third Court of Appeals, Austin, Briefing Attorney (August 2002 – August 2004)
- ❖ Law Offices of Dicky Grigg/Spivey, Grigg, Kelly & Knisely, Paralegal (November 1989 – August 1999)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- ❖ Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 2017 to present
- ❖ Best Lawyers in America – Family Law, 2018 - 2021
- ❖ Super Lawyers – Family Law, 2017 - 2020
- ❖ AV Preeminent Rating, Martindale Hubbell (Peer-Rated for Highest Level of Professional Excellence), 2017 to the present
- ❖ 2019, 2020 Top Attorneys – Family Law, *Austin Monthly* magazine
- ❖ Super Lawyers – Rising Star in Family Law, 2011, 2012
- ❖ Pro Bono Award, Travis County Women Lawyers Association, 2010

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Family Law

- ❖ American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- ❖ State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section
 - Member, Family Law Council (2019-2021)
 - Chair, Appellate Committee (2020-2021)
 - Member, CLE and Publications Committees (2020-2021)
- ❖ State Bar of Texas, Appellate and Civil Litigation Sections
- ❖ Austin Bar Association, Family Law and Appellate Sections
- ❖ Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists (2010 – present)
- ❖ Texas Family Law Foundation (2015 – present)
 - Legislative Bill Review Committee, January 2017 to present
- ❖ Travis County Family Law Advocates (2010 – present)

Professional Responsibility

- ❖ District 9 Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas, July 2020 to June 2023

Access to Justice

- ❖ Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas
 - Volunteer attorney and Family Law mentor (2004 to present)
 - Board of Directors (2010 – 2015)
 - Immediate Past President (2015), Board President (2014), President-Elect (2013), Secretary (2012), Treasurer (2011)
 - Executive Committee (2011 – 2015)
- ❖ Pro Bono Committee for the Third Court of Appeals, Austin (2016 – 2019)

American Inns of Court and Mentoring

- ❖ Barbara Jordan American Inn of Court (2016 – present)
 - Founding Master
 - President Elect (2020-2021)
 - Membership Committee Co-Chair (2019-2020)
 - Membership Committee Chair (2018-2019)
 - Mentorship Chair (2017-2018)
- ❖ Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court (2001 – 2016)
 - Barrister, 2012-2016; Associate, 2002-2012; Pupil, 2001-2002
- ❖ Mentor for Family Lawyers, State Bar of Texas (2016 – present)

Women and the Law

- ❖ Texas Women Lawyers Association (2000 – 2001, 2003 – 2011)
 - Board of Directors (2003 – 2011)
 - Immediate Past President (2010 – 2011), President (2009 – 2010), President-Elect (2009 – 2010), Vice-President (2008 – 2009), Secretary (2007 – 2008), Treasurer (2006 – 2007)
 - Law Student Representative (2000 – 2001)
- ❖ Council, Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (2009 – 2012)

- ❖ Travis County Women Lawyers Association

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ❖ Impact Austin collective giving organization (2017 – present)
 - Grant Finance Committee (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
 - Grant Review Committee – Catalyst (2019, 2020)
 - Grant Review Committee – Family (2017)

SELECTED SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *Characterization of Assets in Your Case*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law 2021, co-authored and co-presented with Autumn Kraus (forthcoming August 2021)
- ❖ *Beat the Clock: Alternative Billing Practices*, State Bar of Texas Marriage Dissolution 2021, co-authored and co-presented with Lindley Bain and Patrick Wright (forthcoming April 2021)
- ❖ Texas Family Law Insiders Podcast with Holly Draper: *Attorney's Fees Evidence after Rohrmoos Venture* (March 2021)
- ❖ *How The New Discovery Rules and In re C.J.C. Affect Family Law Litigation*, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas CLE, co-presented with the Honorable Amy Clark Meachum (March 12, 2021)
- ❖ *Settlement Agreements*, panel member of State Bar of Texas webinar with Kelly Ausley-Flores and Kristiana Butler (October 2020)
- ❖ *In re C.J.C.: The Fit-Parent Presumption in Non-Parent Custody Disputes*, panel member of State Bar of Texas webinar (September 2020)
- ❖ *Stand by Me: Effective Use of Paralegals*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law 2020, co-authored and co-presented with Kay Redburn, Paralegal (August 2020)
- ❖ *Receiverships and Drafting Requirements*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Drafting 2019, co-authored and co-presented with Jonathan Bates and Michael Bernstein (December 2019)
- ❖ *Attorney's Fees Evidence after Rohrmoos Venture and Nath*, State Bar of Texas Family Law Section Report (September 2019)
- ❖ Monthly Case Law Updates, Family Law Section of the Austin Bar Association (September 2019 – present; May 2005 – September 2009)
- ❖ *Non-Parent Standing*, Family Law Essentials: Victoria, State Bar of Texas Family Law Section (May 2019)
- ❖ *HIPAA*, Family Law Essentials: Corpus Christi, State Bar of Texas Family Law Section (May 2018)
- ❖ *Family Law Appeals*, Family Law Section of the Austin Bar Association, co-authored and co-presented with Richel Rivers (November 2017)
- ❖ *Family Law Appeals*, University of Texas School of Law Conference on State and Federal Appeals, co-authored with Richel Rivers (June 2017)
- ❖ *How to Deal with Difficult People*, Panel member, combined Austin, Texas American Inns of Court mentoring lunch (February 2017)
- ❖ *Temporary Orders Procedures*, Divorce Basics Seminar, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas (December 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
- ❖ *Property Division/Spousal Maintenance Mock Trial Demonstration*, Brown Bag Seminar, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, co-presented with Eric Robertson (February 2013, February 2014, June 2016, June 2017)
- ❖ *Ethical Considerations in Mediation*, Panel member, Ethics CLE, Travis County Women Lawyers Association (April 2016)
- ❖ *Trying A Family Law Case on a Shoestring*, Brown Bag Seminar, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas (August 2015)

- ❖ *Interventions in Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship*, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law 2014, co-authored and presented with Karen Langsley (August 2014)
- ❖ *Conducting the Client Interview*, How to Do a Pro Bono Divorce, Texas Young Lawyers Association (May 2014)
- ❖ *2013 Family Law Legislative Update*, Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar (October 2013)
- ❖ *Hot Legal Issues Roundtable Discussion: Family Law*, Texas Women Lawyers Annual CLE, co-presented with Lauren Waddell (March 2011)
- ❖ *Discovery in Family Law Cases*, Texas Advanced Paralegal Seminar (September 2010)
- ❖ Quarterly Evidence and Discovery case updates for State Bar of Texas Litigation Section *News for the Bar* (Fall 2007 to Summer 2010)
- ❖ *2009 Family Law Legislative Update*, Texas Women Lawyers Fall 2009 Newsletter
- ❖ *Fiduciary Duties in Family Law*, State Bar of Texas Fiduciary Litigation Course, co-authored with Richel Rivers (April 2008)
- ❖ *Parenting Plans/Protective Orders*, Texas Association of Legal Professionals (February 2006)
- ❖ *Evidence and Discovery in ADR: Issues in Mediation and Arbitration*, State Bar of Texas Annual Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course, co-authored with Richel Rivers and Blake Bailey (2005)