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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)

AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES, Member (2020 – present)

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)  
Membership Committee (past years through present)

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)  
Trustee, James Dick Foundation Endowment Trust (2017-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)

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):

*Family Law Case Updates* - Travis County Family Law Section (occasional presenter-present)

*Family Law Appeals* – Travis County Family Law Section (November 2017)

*Family Law Appeals* – University of Texas School of Law, State and Federal Appeals (June 2017)

*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)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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