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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

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

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)
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, 16th 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 21st 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, 13th 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)