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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF JURISPRUDENCE, May 2006, The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas
Admitted to State Bar of Texas, November 2007

- Texas Journal of Women and the Law, Staff Editor
- Children's Rights Clinic, Trial Experience, First Chair Counsel, Spring & Fall 2005
- Thurgood Marshall Legal Society, President, 2005-2006
- UT School of Law Scholarship, Roy C & Marguerite Ledbetter Scholarship
- Victor and Myra Ravel Law Scholarship in Children's Rights
- Dean's Search Committee (one of three students selected), Minority Students' Affairs Committee

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK, Child Welfare Concentration, August 1998
The University of Texas, Arlington, Texas,

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY/SOCIAL WORK, May 1991
Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas

BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING, July 2011, University of Texas at Arlington (UTA)

ADVANCED FAMILY LAW AND MEDIATION TRAINING, October 2011, UTA

TEXAS CPS MEDIATION TRAINING, May 2012, Hays County Dispute Resolution Center

EXPERIENCE

ATTORNEY, ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR, 2015-present

VanSickle Family Law Clinic at SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas

Teach students on the practice of family law; supervise their representation of clients; and direct the activities of the clinic.

MANAGING MEMBER ATTORNEY & MEDIATOR, 2008 – 2015

Barnes Prox Law, PLLC, Arlington, Texas

Provides legal services to clients from intake to trial on family law matters including, but not limited to divorces, child custody disputes, child support and paternity suits, modification and enforcement of prior orders, CPS litigation and termination of parental rights, protective orders; GAL representation and adoptions. First chair trial experience (TBC and jury trials) in child custody disputes.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Government, Fall 2008

Dallas Christian College, Dallas, Texas

ASSOCIATE, November 2006 – February 2008

Fleming & Johnson, PLLC, Dallas, Texas

Worked on civil litigation matters (breach of contracts, consumer protection, title disputes, probate and family law); drafted and argued motions, attended hearings, prepared clients for deposition, drafted pleadings, responded to and drafted discovery requests, represented clients in mediation and researched legal matters.

LAW CLERK, Fall 2005 & Spring 2006

Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP, Austin, Texas

Worked closely with General Counsel, lobbied public officials, researched legal issues related to campaign finance, ethics, tax collections and Texas election law.

LAW CLERK, Summer 2005

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Litigation Division, Austin, Texas

Drafted enforcement action pleadings, reviewed Orders, attended SOAH evidentiary hearings and commissioners' board meetings, researched legal issues related to underground storage tanks, injection wells, medical waste and used oil, and State Audit Acts/Privilege and Immunity laws.

LAW CLERK, Summer 2004

West and Gooden, P.C., Dallas, Texas

Answered discovery requests, drafted pleadings, assisted attorneys in trial preparation, attended administrative hearings on school law and performed extensive legal research and writing.

LEGISLATIVE AIDE, March 1998-July 2003

State Senator Royce West, Dallas & Austin, Texas

Provided advice and information to State Senator on health and human services issues, prepared briefing documents and speeches, drafted bills for legislative consideration, tracked legislative activities, and responded to constituent inquiries.

LEGAL LIAISON & CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES SPECIALIST IV , December 1991-March 1998

Texas Department of Protective & Family Services, Dallas, Texas

Served as a liaison between the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and Child Protective Services (CPS); Provided ongoing casework services to families and children reported to CPS for abuse and neglect.

MEMBERSHIPS AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Girls on the Run DFW Board of Directors, State Bar of Texas (Family Law Section), Dallas Bar Association (Family Law Section), J. L. Turner Legal Association, Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court (Barrister 2015-2016), City of Arlington Teen Court (Judge), City of Arlington Teen Court Advisory Board (2013-2016), Volunteer Mediator at Dallas County Alternative Dispute Resolution and Dispute Resolution Services of North Texas (Tarrant County), Texas Exes Life Member-The University of Texas Alumni Association, UT Arlington Alumni Association Life Member, AISD Financial Futures Committee (2011), Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, Associate (2009-2011)