

Nomination Form
Section Representative to the Board of Directors

1. Kathryn J. Murphy
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2. I am nominating Kathryn Murphy as a **Large Section Representative** to the Board of Directors.

3. Kathryn is a member of the **Family Law Section**, which is a **Large Section**.

4. Personal Background, Character and Contributions to the Community
Kathryn is married with 2 adult children, 2 adult step-children, a daughter-in-law, son-in-law, and 4 grandchildren. Kathryn is a hard worker, and she has been involved in her community, including being on the Advisory Board for CASA and being substantially involved with her children in their schools and activities as they were growing up.

5. Professional Achievements and Commitment to the Legal Profession
Kathryn has been an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas since 1989. She is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Kathryn has made several contributions to the legal profession, and she has received several awards for her involvement and commitment to the profession.

Kathryn has been on the Texas Family Law Council since 2005, where she served on the Executive Committee for 5 years. She was Chair of the Family Law Council in 2016-2017, and she continues to participate in the Family Law Council as a Past-Chair by attending Section meetings, working at the Section booths and writing publications for the benefit of the Section.

Kathryn has also been a leader in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers where she served on the Board of the Texas Chapter for 5 years. She also served a full term on the national Board of Governors of the

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers for 3 years. Additionally, she received the honor of being invited to be a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Kathryn has authored over 70 articles and publications concerning various family law topics, such as business valuation, characterization of property, division of property, child support, alimony, electronic evidence, marital agreements, relocation, parentage, evidence and discovery. In 2004, Kathryn's article on relocation received the award for the Best Family Law CLE Article from the State Bar of Texas Family Law Section.

Kathryn has further presented at numerous State Bar of Texas and other CLE courses concerning family law topics, as well as professionalism and civility.

Kathryn has been a Course Director for several continuing legal education programs, including the following State Bar of Texas Courses: Advanced Family Law, Innovations – Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation, Collaborative Law, and New Frontiers in Marital Property Law. She has also participated in several CLE planning committees.

Kathryn has traveled to the Capitol in Austin for the last few Legislative Sessions to volunteer her time for one week advocating for family law legislation to protect individuals and families in Texas. She has testified during the Session to support or oppose legislation with the goal of ensuring that all legislation is in the best interests of children and families.

Kathryn served on the Grievance Committee in Dallas 5 years, where she was also Chair. Kathryn taught family law for paralegals for 3 years, and she has substituted for Professor Weaver's family law class at SMU Law school.

Kathryn received the Dan Price Award from the State Bar of Texas in 2018. This award is presented to a lawyer who has had a significant impact on the Family Law Section for the past year – teaching, writing and advancing the practice of family law.

Kathryn received the Annette Stewart Inn of Court, Serjeant of the Inn Award in 2013. This award is presented to an attorney who has significantly contributed to the profession and the community through his or her career.

In 2016, Kathryn received the University of Texas at Tyler's Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award.

Kathryn has been named "Best Lawyers in America" "Lawyer of the Year" in Dallas for the years 2015, 2017 and 2019. Only one lawyer in each practice area within a community is honored with this distinction.

6. Participation in State Bar Projects and Contributions to the Family Law Section

Kathryn has been on the Texas Family Law Council since 2005, where she served on the Executive Committee for 5 years. She was Chair of the Family Law Council in 2016-2017.

Kathryn has contributed to the Family Law Section in many ways, including writing 2 publications that have raised money for the Section – Family Law at Your Fingertips and Family Law at Your Fingertips – Children Issues. Kathryn continues to supplement these publications, and her new publication, Family Law at Your Fingertips – Evidence, will be published this year.

Please also see the additional contributions mentioned above and on Kathryn's resume which is attached.

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8. I have discussed the duties and purpose of this position with Kathryn, and she is willing to serve in this capacity, if elected.

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EDUCATION:

J.D. 1989 Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
B.A. 1986 University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas, with Honors

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS INCLUDE:

Partner - Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC
Board Certified Family Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization (since 1995)
Fellow - American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2004 - Present); Board of Governors 2015-2017
Fellow - International Academy of Family Lawyers
Fellow - Texas Chapter of the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Executive Committee (2006 - 2010; Past President)
Member - Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists
Member/Chair- Family Law Council, State Bar of Texas (2005 - Present)(Executive Committee, Chair 2016-2017)
Member - Collaborative Divorce Texas
Member - State Bar of Texas (Family Law Section)
Instructor - Southeastern Paralegal Institute (1993-1996)
Member/Chair- Grievance Committee, District 1A (2002 - 2007); (Chair – 2006-2007)
Member - Annette Stewart Inn of Court (Board Member 2005-2012)

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND HONORS:

Named the “**Best Lawyers in America**” **2015, 2017 and 2019 Family Law “Lawyer of the Year”** in Dallas-Only one lawyer in each practice area within a community is honored with this distinction.

Recipient of the Dan Price Award from the State Bar of Texas in 2018 – This award is presented to a lawyer who has had a significant impact on the Family Law Section for the past year – teaching, writing and advancing the practice of family law.

University of Texas at Tyler, **Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award** (2016)

Named "Best Lawyers in Dallas" Family Law by D Magazine (2001, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2017, 2018).

Named “Best Female Lawyers in Dallas” by D Magazine (2010).

Named “Best Personal Lawyers in Dallas” by D Magazine (2009).

Named “The Best Lawyers in America” – Woodward and White Press (2003 - 2018).

Named “Top 50 Women Texas Super Lawyers” by Texas Monthly (2003 - 2018).

Named “Top 100 Texas Super Lawyers” by Texas Monthly (2004 - 2009; 2011; 2013-2018).

Named “Top 100 Dallas/Fort Worth Super Lawyers” by Texas Monthly (2003-2009; 2011-2018).

Named “Texas Super Lawyer” in the area of Family Law by Texas Monthly (2003 - 2018).

Best Family Law CLE Article, State Bar of Texas, 2004.

Annette Stewart Inn of Court, **Serjeant of the Inn Award** – January 2013 (awarded to an attorney who has significantly contributed to the profession and the community through his or her career).

PUBLICATIONS, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND LECTURES:

Co-Author, *Thomson Reuters Publishing Company, TEXAS FAMILY LAW PRACTICE GUIDE* (published March 2000, supplemented each year to the present).

Primary Author, *PROTECTING YOUR ASSETS FROM A TEXAS DIVORCE*, Professional Solutions Group (2005).

Co-Author, *Protecting Children From Incompetent Forensic Evaluations and Expert Testimony*, Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (2006).

Author, *Family Law at Your Fingertips*, Family Law Section, State Bar of Texas, 2015 - 2018.

Author, *Family Law at Your Fingertips – Children Issues*, Family Law Section, State Bar of Texas, 2018.

Author – Numerous articles concerning various family law topics such as business valuation, characterization of property, division of property, child support, alimony, electronic evidence, premarital agreements, relocation, parentage, evidence and discovery.

Speaker – Numerous State Bar of Texas and other CLE courses concerning family law topics.

Recent Publications, Speaking Engagements and Lectures, include:

TRIAL OF A CUSTODY CASE, Innovations – Breaking Boundaries in Child Custody Litigation, State Bar of Texas (January 2019)

DRAFTING: ARE YOUR PLEADINGS AND DISCOVERY READY FOR TRIAL, State Bar of Texas (December 2018)

PROFESSIONALISM AND CIVILITY, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (Nov 2018)

MARITAL AGREEMENTS, New Frontiers in Marital Property Law, State Bar of Texas (Oct 2018)

PREMARITAL AND POSTMARITAL AGREEMENTS, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas (August 2018)

TRIAL PRESENTATION OF A CUSTODY CASE, Annual TAFLS Trial Institute, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists (February 2018)

MARITAL PROPERTY AGREEMENTS, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas (August 2017)

PROPERTY CASE LAW UPDATE, Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas (April 2017)

CHARACTERIZATION OF PROPERTY, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas (August 2016)

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP, INCLUDES:

CO-COURSE DIRECTOR, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas (August 2013)

CO-COURSE DIRECTOR, INNOVATIONS – BREAKING BOUNDARIES IN CUSTODY LITIGATION, The University of Texas School of Law (January 2012)

COURSE DIRECTOR, Collaborative Law Course, State Bar of Texas (March 2011)

CO-COURSE DIRECTOR, New Frontiers in Marital Property Law, State Bar of Texas (Oct 2010)