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EDUCATION:

South Texas College of Law: J.D. 7/91 (Cum Laude); Licensed in Texas 11/91
Southwest Texas State University: BA (International Studies)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/HONORS:

Board Certified - Civil Appellate Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Vice-Chair of Child Protection Law Section of the State Bar (2020)
Collaborative Council Member of Texas Supreme Court's Permanent
Judicial Commission for Children, Youth & Families
Member of Exam Commission for Child Welfare Specialization
Recipient of the Fairy Davenport Award of Appreciation (2016)
Past Co-Vice Chair (2009/10 & 2008/09) & Chair (2007/08) of
Child Abuse & Neglect Committee of the State Bar of Texas
Past member Task Force for Post-Trial Rules in Cases Involving Termination
of the Parental Relationship (HB 906) Order 11-9202 (Tex. 10/5/11)
Past Member Publications Committee of the Houston Bar's Appellate Section
Former Briefing Attorney (Justice George Ellis) 14th Court of Appeals 1991-
1992
Assistant County Attorney (since 1992) – Appellate Division (since 1998)

LAW RELATED PUBLICATIONS:

Author/Speaker at 45th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Child Abuse & Neglect
Workshop, "Procedural Issues in CPS Suits Involving Party Incapacity," (August 2019)
Author/Speaker at 2nd Annual Child Protection Law Seminar, "Associate
Judges in Child Protection Cases," (March 2019)
Author/Speaker at 44th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Child Abuse & Neglect
Workshop, "Ethical Duties of Attorneys Representing CPS" (June 2019)
Author/Speaker at 1st Annual Child Protection Law Seminar, "Section
263.401: Problems/Solutions," (April 2018)
Author/Speaker at 43rd Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Child Abuse & Neglect
Workshop, "2017 Texas Legislative Update in Child Welfare Law"
Author/Speaker at Annual TDCAA Seminar in San Antonio, Texas, "Preservation of
Error in a Child Protection Case" (May 11, 2017)
Author/Speaker for Child Abuse and Neglect Workshop at 42nd Annual Advance Family
Law Course, "Emergency Orders for Child Protection" ch. 39 (August 3, 2016)
Author/Speaker for 5th Annual Adjusting the Bar: The Definitive Ad Litem
Seminar in DFPS Cases, "Preservation of Objections in a Child Protection Case"
(April 24-25, 2015)
Author/Speaker for 2013 TDCAA Annual Criminal and Civil Law Update-
Galveston, "Emergency Child Safety & Family Code Section 161.001(1)(O)"

Author/Speaker for 2012 Annual Advanced Family Law Course – San Antonio, Ch. 53, “Ten Tips for Protecting of Appellate Record in a CPS Case.”

Author/Speaker for 2011 Annual Advanced Family Law Course – San Antonio, Ch. 47, “2011 Legislative Update of Child Abuse & Neglect Legislation”

Co-Author with Charles Childress, Texas Bar Journal (October 2010)
“The Impact of Child Protection Cases on General Civil Practice”

Author/Speaker for 2010 Annual Advanced Family Law Course – San Antonio, Ch. 60, “What Do You Do With a 263.405 Hearing?”

Author for 2010 Annual Advanced Family Law Course – San Antonio
Ch. 52, “Jury Charge: Beyond the Boilerplate”

Author/Speaker for 2009 Annual Advanced Family Law Course – Dallas
Ch. 61, “2009 Legislative Update of Child Abuse & Neglect Legislation”

Author/Speaker for 2008 Annual Advanced Family Law Conference – San Antonio
Ch. 51.4, “Drugs/Alcohol Abuse as Proof of Endangerment in Support of Parental Termination

Author/Speaker, for 2007 Annual Advanced Family Law Conference – San Antonio,
Ch. 52.7, “2007 Legislative Update of Laws Affecting Child Protection & Litigation by Department of Family & Protective Services,” August 6-9, 2007.

Co-Author, Hon. Lana Shadwick and Sandra Hachem, “Expert Witnesses in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases Involving Termination of Parental Rights,” 69 Tex Bar J. 756 (2006)

Author/Speaker for 18th Annual Juvenile Law Conference Professor Robert O. Dawson
Juvenile Law Institute, “Ethics: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel in CPS Cases,” Austin, Renaissance Hotel, February 1-3, 2005

Author/Speaker for Advanced Family Law Course 2004 – San Antonio – Ch. 58
“Ineffective Assistance of Counsel in CPS Cases,” Aug. 9-12, 2004

Author/Speaker for 2004 Crimes Against Kids Conference by TDCAA,
“Jury Charges in Parental Termination Cases,” San Antonio, Texas, May 10-14, 2004

Author, “Time Limits and Motion for Rehearing *en banc*,” THE APPELLATE LAWYER
(Appellate Practice Section-Houston Bar Association – Fall 2003)

Author/Speaker for 2003 Annual Criminal & Civil Law Update of Texas District & County Attorneys Association, “TDFPS Case Law and Legislative Update”
Corpus Christi, Texas, September 24-26, 2003

Author/Speaker for State Bar of Texas 2003 Annual Meeting; Domestic Violence & Child Abuse Important Legal Issues, “Legislative Update” Houston, 6/13/03.

Author/Speaker for Workshop at Advanced Family Law Institute in Dallas
(August 5-8, 2002): “Termination and Adoption: It Ain’t Over ‘Til It’s Over”

Author/Speaker for Texas Children’s Justice Act Project, TDPRS, The Prosecution of Child Abuse Cases 2002: A Workshop for Child Abuse Professionals
“Ethical Considerations in Representation of Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services in Child Protection Cases,” Austin, Texas, July 25-26, 2002.

Author/Speaker for Juvenile Law Section of Houston Bar Association (2/19/02):
“Procedures for Appeals of Suits Involving Termination of Parental Rights”

Author/Speaker for Texas Children’s Justice Act Project (July 12-13 2001)
A Workshop for Child Abuse Professionals: “Appellate Defense of Court’s Finding that Termination is in the Best Interest of the Child.”