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Curriculum Vitae – Dawn M. Laubach

Legal Experience

Solo Practitioner (Family Law, Probate/Estate Planning/Guardianships and Military Law)
Laubach Law Office PLLC, San Antonio, Texas, August 2003 – present

Partner/Attorney (Family Law, Probate/Estate Planning, Military Law and Criminal Law)
Law Office of Weaver and Laubach, PLLC, Killeen, Texas, July 2001 – January 2003

Judge Advocate

United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, Active Duty, June 1996 – July 2001

United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, Active Reserves, July 2021 – February 2019

Law Clerk

U.S. Federal Magistrate, Honorable Bruce D. Pringle, June 1994 – December 1994

Guardian Ad Litem / Crisis Management Intern

Denver Children's Legal Clinic, January 1995 – May 1996

Civilian Education

University of Houston

Baccalaureate of Science, Political Science, Houston, Texas, May 1993

Distinguished Military Graduate, Reserve Officer Training Corps

University of Denver College of Law

Juris Doctorate, Denver, Colorado, December 1995

Courts Admitted to Practice

State of Texas, September 2001 – present

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, April 2001 – present

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, October 2001 – present

State of Colorado, May 1996 – September 2004

Law Related Speaking Engagements and Presentations

“Texas Family Law in the Combat Zone,” State Bar of Texas Webcast (July 2009)

“Jurisdiction and Service of Process Over Service Members,” Military Law Section of the State Bar of Texas Fall Meeting, Fredericksburg, Texas (October 2009)

“How to Represent Servicemembers in Family Law Matters,” Western Texas Law Symposium, Texas Tech Law School, Lubbock, Texas (February 2010)

“The Fundamentals of Texas Family Law,” State Bar of Texas Webcast (Nov 2010)

“VA Disability Death Benefits,” San Antonio Elder Law Group (March 2012)

"Jurisdiction and Service of Process Over Service Members," Military Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and San Antonio Bar Association Military Divorce and Retirement Seminar (September 2012)

“Military Divorce in Texas,” Military Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, 21st Biennial Institute, (October 2013)

“Use of Financial Documents in a Military Divorce,” Strafford Seminars Webinar (March 2014, November 2014, November 2015, March 2016 and March 2018)

“Divorce, Child Support and Child Possession in Texas,” Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, 22nd Biennial Institute (October 2015)

"Military Law 101 - What all Practitioners Should Know," San Antonio Bar Association (March 4-5, 2016)

“New Military Blended Retirement System,” State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (June 22, 2017)

“New Military Blended Retirement System and the Effects on Family Law,” Clear Law Institute Webinar (July 15, 2017)

“New Military Blended Retirement System and the Effects on Family Law” Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, 23rd Biennial Institute (November 2, 2017)

“Disabling Military Pension in Divorce,” American Bar Association Section of Family Law, Fall Meeting, Tucson, Arizona (October 4, 2018)

“Military Law 101: What Every JAG Attorney and Paralegal Should Know About Texas Family Law and the Division of Military Retirements,” Texas National Guard, Texas Military Force Judge Advocate Continuing Legal Education Program, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas (November 3-4, 2019)

“Military Divorce Evidence: Identifying, Discovering, Obtaining, and Introducing Military Financial and Other Documents,” Strafford Seminars Webinar (January 23, 2020, June 15, 2022, May 2023, May 14, 2024)

“Dividing Military Retirement Pay and Electing Disability Pay: Protecting Non-Military Spouses,” Strafford Seminars Webinar (January 26, 2023)

“Dividing Pensions in Military Divorce: Navigating the Frozen Benefits Rule, and Drafting Pension Division Orders,” Strafford Seminars Webinar, (January 31, 2017, September 18, 2024)

Upcoming: “The Must-Knows of Representing Veterans and Servicemembers in Family Law Matters,” Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Annual CLE at Texas Tech University School of Law, (October 12, 2024)

Expert Witness/Consultant

Served as expert witness or consultant concerning military retirement and other military or veterans benefits in over sixty divorce cases and one personal injury case (2018-present)

Professional Associations & Acknowledgements

Military and Veterans Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, member since 2001

Council Member, June 2019 – 2020

Chair, June 2018 – June 2019

Chair-Elect, January 2017 – June 2018

Secretary-Treasurer, 2015 – 2017

Council Member, 2010 –2014

Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, Member

Pro-Bono Volunteer, Community Justice Program (Veteran’s Program), San Antonio, Texas

Member and Pro Bono Attorney, Legal Assistance to Military Personnel Committee of the State Bar of Texas, June 2010- present

Operation Enduring LAMP (Legal Assistance to Military Personnel), Attorney of the Year, State Bar of Texas, July 2010

Military Service

Basic Entry Service Date: September 9, 1987

Date of Retirement: Lieutenant Colonel, February 6, 2019

Military Education/Schools:

Command and General Staff College, San Antonio, Texas, August 2006-August 2007

Judge Advocate Officer Advanced Course, TJAGCLS, Virginia, January 2003

Airborne School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, November 1996

Judge Advocate Officer Basic Course, TJAGCLS, Virginia, July-October 1996

Air Assault School, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma, July 1991
Professional Leadership Development Course, Kaiserslautern, Germany, 1990
Advanced Individual Training (76Y). Ft. Lee, Virginia, November 1987-January 1988
Basic Training, Ft. McClellan, Alabama, September- November 1987

List of Military Duty Assignments:

Senior Training and Operations Officer (USAR)
1st Legal Operations Detachment, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, January 2017 – February 2019

Command Judge Advocate (USAR)
647th Regional Support Group, El Paso, Texas, January 2014 – January 2017

Deputy Commander (USAR)
1st Legal Operations Detachment, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, March 2011 – December 2013

San Antonio Team Leader (USAR)
1st Legal Support Organization, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, January 2009 – March 2011

Staff Judge Advocate (USAR)
U.S. Army Facility Engineer Group, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, October 2004 – May 2009

Chief, Military Justice (USAR)
HQ 4003D Garrison Support Unit, Fort Hood, Texas, January 2003 – October 2004

Chief, Legal Assistance (USAR)
HQ 4003D Garrison Support Unit, Fort Hood, Texas, July 2001 – January 2003

Trial Defense Attorney (Active Duty)
Trial Defense Services, Ft. Hood, Texas, January 2000 – July 2001

Chief, Legal Assistance (Active Duty)
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Ft. Lewis, Washington, April 1999 – January 2000

Trial Counsel (Active Duty)
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Ft. Lewis, Washington, June 1998 – April 1999

Administrative Law Attorney (Active Duty)
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Ft. Lewis, Washington, October 1997 – June 1998

Legal Assistance Officer (Active Duty)
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Ft. Lewis, Washington, October 1996 – September 1997

Army Intelligence Officer (USAR), June 1993 – June 1996

U.S. Army (Active Duty Enlisted)
Supply Specialist, B Co. 3/9 Aviation, Ft. Lewis, Washington, January 1988 – July 1989
Armorer, G Co. 4th Aviation Regt., 8th Infantry Division, Germany, July 1989 – August 1990