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EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Recertification- Texas Board of Professional Accountability (2017-2018)

Attorney – Hiersche, Hayward, Drakeley & Urbach, P.C.

2006-2012

Law Clerk – Hill Gilstrap, P.C.

Summer 2005

Law Clerk – Dodge, Anderson, Jones, Bezney & Gillman, P.C.

August 2004 - February 2005

Research Assistant – Professor William V. Dorsaneo, III

June 2004 - November 2004

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

The Best Lawyers in America

2018-2024

Distinguished Faculty (2017-2018), (2019-2020)

Member, American Bar Association, Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers

Member, Dallas Bar Association, Past President (2010-2011)

Member, William “Mac” Taylor Inn of Court, Leadership and Membership Committee

Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
Dallas Bar Foundation, Fellow

Member, American College of Trial Lawyers

State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section
Dallas Bar Association Family Law Section
Dallas Women Lawyers Association Member

FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

Internship, The Honorable Jay Patterson, st District Court, Dallas, Texas 2004
White House Internship, Office of the First Lady, Mrs. Bush's Projects and Office and
one project with the Office of the President of the United States, Chief of Staff's Office 2001
Archer Fellowship The University of Texas System 2001

ACADEMIC HONORS AND INVOLVEMENT

Board of Advocates Executive Board: Executive Board Member of the Year SMU
Board of Advocates Executive Board: Chair of Intrascholastic Competitions SMU
SMU White Collar Crime Mock Trial Team SMU
Chief Justice for Moot Court Tournament SMU
Criminal Defense Clinic SMU
Beta Alpha Rho ~~Law~~ Fraternity: President, ~~Public Relations~~ Director, Events Director UT Austin
Beta Alpha Rho ~~Law~~ Fraternity: Outstanding Achievement Award UT Austin

SCHOLARSHIPS

Frank and Debbie Branson Trial Advocacy SMU
Headliners UT Austin
Gallup Leadership UT Austin
Ralph E. Frede Public Relations Foundation of Texas UT Austin

PUBLICATIONS

SMU Annual Texas Survey Law Journal: Family Law (Volume 9), coauthored with Professor Joanna Grossman, 2023
SMU Annual Texas Survey Law Journal: Family Law (Volume 8), coauthored with Professor Joanna Grossman, 2022
The Growing Relevance of Online Impersonation in Texas Family Law Texas Lawyer January 2019
Millennials Have Their Own Unique Way to Avoid Divorce Texas Lawyer, Law.com January 2019

EXPERT WITNESS

Expert witness injury trial regarding Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act 2024

CLE AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

SMU Dedman Law Orientation Speaker 2022 2024
Rising Scholars Program Moderator 2022 2024
The Recent DACA and LGBTQ Supreme Court Decisions: What's Next?, Moderator July 2020
Presentation on Parental Leave Initiative, DAYL Board of Directors, Speaker April 2020

Divorce with Contested Property Issues, Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Speaker
Handling Your First Jury Trial, Texas Law Center, Speaker
Experience on 9/11, Speaker (rotary clubs and schools)

July 2016
December 2011

MEDIA

The Mom Guilt Is Real Super Lawyers Magazine

March 2020

'Moms in Law' Unites Female Lawyers in No (s) 101hMlawokeekeein (t)-4es FD ND1.2 ((r9.467 10.62 0 Td 89