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## **EDUCATION**

University of Texas School of Law – 1990 with Honors

- \* Permanent Class President, Class of 1990
- \* Research Assistant to Prof. William E. Huie 1988-89
- \* Assault & Flattery 1988-90
- \* 1995 Chair, Reunion Committee for Class of 1990

University of Notre Dame – 1987 *Magna Cum Laude*, B.B.A.

- \* Bengal Bouts Boxing 1984-87  
Dedication Award 1987
- \* Student Board of Directors, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame Liason 1986-87

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Judge, 160<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, State of Texas – 2002 - 2006

- \* Presided over nearly 100 jury trials, 30 bench trials and thousands of hearings
- \* Outstanding marks from the lawyers of Dallas County in the 2005 Judicial Evaluation Poll

Duane Morris LLP – 6/23 to the present; Bracewell LLP - 4/2012 to 5/2023; Patton Boggs LLP - 12/2007 to 4/2012; Hughes & Luce, L.L.P. - 1990 - 2002; 2006 to 11/2007

- \* Handled a variety of cases involving the following areas: international and national oil and gas matters (including breach of JOA and other oil and gas contracts including contracting with a governmental entity, as well as pipeline cases); international sourcing of products including software; patent cases; Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act; Eighth Amendment, Section 1983 and prisoners' rights cases; franchise law; supply chain issues; corporate branding and licensing; executive compensation; software licensing; securities law violations and class actions relating thereto; SEC violations; internal investigation for publicly traded companies; Foreign Corrupt Practices Act issues and litigation; Qui Tam and whistleblower litigation; Telephone Consumer Practices Act and class actions; employment law including sexual harassment, discrimination, breach of non-compete agreements and theft of trade secrets; anti-trust matters; FINRA arbitrations; product liability matters; Fair Credit Reporting Act issues; Consumer Product Safety Commission matters; breach of contract; environmental concerns;

government procurement; class actions; telecommunications; lender liability; Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act; Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act violations; notes and guaranties; FCC tariffs; mechanics and materialmen's liens; sequestration; repossession of collateral; stock options and ownership; destruction of collateral; fraud; breach of leases; wrongful eviction; medical malpractice; wrongful death and personal injury; unfair debt collection practices; and real estate matters including ownership and restrictive covenants

- \* Former member of board of directors of a public company (that went back private)
- \* Extensive experience with depositions of fact and expert witnesses
- \* Extensive jury trial, bench trial and appellate experience
- \* Motion and hearing practice - discovery disputes, summary judgments, temporary and permanent injunctions, contesting venue and jurisdiction, forum non conveniens, writs of possession and sequestration, forcible entry and detainers, garnishments, sanctions and contempt
- \* Handled over 300 arbitrations for the American Arbitration Association and the ICDR involving oil and gas, employment, construction matters, personal injury and wrongful death, as well as numerous mediations for state, appellate and federal courts (on all matters ranging from multi-million dollar commercial disputes to wrongful death cases) and special master roles in several cases
- \* Extensive pro bono practice handling divorces, consumer lawsuits and drafting wills and powers of attorney

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

- \* Board Certified - Civil Trial Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2006 to the present)

## **AWARDS AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

- \* Recipient, DAYL Foundation Award of Excellence- December 16, 2010
- \* Board member, Dallas Educational Endowment Trust for the Catholic Diocese of Dallas - 2014 to present
- \* Board member, Retina Foundation of the Southwest (non-profit), 2013 to 2019
- \* Chair, Racing for Sight 2013, Retina Foundation of the Southwest fundraiser
- \* Dallas Bar Association Board of Directors - 2005 to 2008
- \* President, Christ the King School Dad's Club- 2012-13, 13-14
- \* President, Christ the King School Advisory Board - 2008-09; vice-president 2007-08, secretary 2006-07
- \* Chair, MDA/ALS Annual Auction Dinner Chair - 2009 and 2010
- \* Chair, 2010 LIVESTRONG Event for Patton Boggs' former associate, Angela Hites

- \* Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program, Attorney Volunteer - 1999-2001; 2006 to the present; Judicial Volunteer, 2002-05
- \* Dallas Young Lawyers Association Foundation - Board of Directors 2004-06
- \* Chair, Dallas Bar Association Business Litigation Section - 2008; vice-chair 2007, council member 2004 to present
- \* Chair, Dallas Bar Association Trial Skills Section - 2003-06, counsel member 2003 to the present
- \* Co-Chair, DBA Bench Bar Conference 2005
- \* Member, Texas Access to Justice Commission, Resource Development Committee (2002)
- \* Meritorious Pro Bono Award-1991-2001
- \* Dallas Bar Association Legal Line Volunteer-1991-2001, 2007-09
- \* Legal Services of North Texas, Attorney Volunteer - 1991-2001; 2006 to present
- \* East Dallas Legal Clinic, Attorney Volunteer- 1991-2001; 2006 to present
- \* Dallas Housing Crisis Center, Attorney Volunteer - 1991-2001
- \* 1995 and 1996 Chair of Dallas Association of Young Lawyers' Pro Bono Children's Services Committee
- \* 1994 Chair of DAYL's Ask-A-Lawyer Committee
- \* March of Dimes WalkAmerica, Coordinator for Hughes & Luce, L.L.P. - 1993-2000
- \* Camp Summit, Board member - 1992-93
- \* Eucharistic Minister, Christ the King Catholic Church - 1998 to present
- \* Selected to be included in Best Lawyers in America - 2011 to present
- \* Volunteer, Dallas Bar Association Habitat for Humanity Project

## **SPEECHES AND PAPERS**

- \* Co-authored, 1991, *Obtaining Jurisdiction and Service of Process in International Cases* with R. Bishop and B. Whiten
- \* January 13, 2003; Dallas Bar Association Business Litigation Section Judicial Panel
- \* January 22, 2003; Dallas Bar Association ADR Panel with Judge Catharina Haynes
- \* January 22, 2004; Employment Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association Judicial Panel with Judges Barbara Lynn, Jorge Solis, Irma Ramirez, Liz Lang-Miers, and Sally Montgomery
- \* February 13, 2004; Advanced Expert Witness Course (State Bar of Texas) - *Offers of Settlement* with Prof. Elaine Carlson and Ken Gilstrap



- \* April and May, 2007, State Bar of Texas, *21<sup>st</sup> Annual Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course, Unique Challenges in Obtaining Evidence* (along with Frank Branson)
- \* April 2009, Tenth Annual Las Vegas CLE with Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association - Supreme Court of Texas Update with Justice Scott Brister of the Supreme Court of Texas
- \* April and May, 2008, State Bar of Texas, *22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course, Unique Challenges in Obtaining Evidence* (along with Frank Branson)
- \* April and May, 2009, State Bar of Texas, *23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Advanced Evidence and Discovery Course, Unique Challenges in Obtaining Evidence* (along with Frank Branson)
- \* April 2010, Eleventh Annual Las Vegas CLE with Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association - Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* July, August and September 2010 Advanced Personal Injury Seminar - *Judicial Recusal and Attorney Disqualification*
- \* October 1, 2010 - First Annual Texas/OU Austin Young Lawyer CLE - Texas Supreme Court Update
- \* December 2010 - Trial Skills Section of the DBA - Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* April 2011 - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Las Vegas CLE with Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association - Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* December 2011 - *Trial Skills Section of the DBA* - Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* *Candor with the Court: No Better Way to Proceed*, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, September 2013
- \* *Arbitration for Dummies*, Law360, November 2013
- \* *Effective Tips and Strategies for Litigators in Arbitration*, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, March 2014
- \* *Clause and Effect: A few helpful tips on scope, rules of evidence and other things you should know about arbitration*, Texas Bar Journal, March 2014, Vol. 77, No. 3
- \* March 1, 2014 - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Las Vegas CLE with Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association - Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* January 12, 2015 - Two Justice Jeffs and One Ordinary Joe: Supreme Court of Texas Business Litigation Update - speech for Business Litigation Section of the DBA with Justices Jeff Brown and Jeff Boyd of the Supreme Court of Texas
- \* March 2, 2016 - 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Las Vegas CLE with Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association - Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* July 13, 2016 - Advanced Civil Trial Seminar for State Bar of Texas - Supreme Court of Texas Update (also gave this update on August 17, 2016 and October 26, 2016 for the Advanced Civil Trial Seminar)

- \* March 20, 2017 -Dallas Public Affairs Luncheon Club - *The Importance of the United States Supreme Court and all other courts*
- \* April 25, 2017 - Texas Center for the Judiciary Spring Conference - Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* March 31, 2018 - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Las Vegas CLE with Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association - Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* February 1, 2020 - 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Las Vegas CLE with Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association-Supreme Court of Texas Update
- \* June 3, 2020 and February 8, 2022 - *Civility and Ethics for Attorneys* - Bracewell in-house ethics CLE
- \* April 1, 2022 - 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Las Vegas CLE with Amarillo Area Young Lawyers Association - Supreme Court of Texas Update

## **PERSONAL**

- \* Married with three sons and one daughter
- \* Avid runner and golfer