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EDUCATION

South Texas College of Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence,

- Class Rank - Top 10% (G.P.A. 3.13) – Dean’s List
- South Texas Law Review, Assistant Note & Comment Editor
- Varsity Moot Court Team, Brief Writer for Professor T. Gerald Treece
- Research & Writing Assistant, W. David East, The Statute of Frauds and the Parole Evidence Rule Under the NCCUSL 2000 Annual Meeting Proposed Revision of UCC Article 2. 54(2) S.M.U. L. REV.867 (Spring 2001)
- American Jurisprudence Awards in Torts, Contracts, & Property II

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Schwager Law Firm

Attorney (2006 – 2015)

- Family Law, Special Needs, Guardianship, Civil Rights
- Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1983 for violating Constitutional rights: First, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Fourteenth Amendment and illegally retaliation and discrimination under Title II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) of 1990, 42 U.S.C. 12101
- Representation of children with disabilities denied the right to a free appropriate public education mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act of 2000 (“IDEA”) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
- Guardianship for Adults with Intellectual & Physical Disabilities
- Family Law, Divorce, Support, Custody & Modifications
- Civil Litigation: Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Conversion, Breach of Contract, Non-Compete Contracts, Harmful Breach of Computer Security, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress and Business Tort.

ElderLaw Advocates Legal Aid

President & Founder (2012-2015)

- Guardianship, Elder Law, Civil Rights Litigation;
- Non-profit Legal Aid & Advocacy serving the elderly and disabled adults and their families in Guardianship, Family Court, and Federal District Court on a need basis.

Attorneys for Special Needs Children (“AFSNC”)

Chairman of the Board (2010 – 2015)

- Texas Non-Profit to advocate for the needs of children in education through public awareness, radio, legislative reform, and teaching families how to effectively represent themselves and advocate for children.

Cunningham Welsh Darlow Zook & Chapoton, L.L.P.

Associate (2004 - 2006)

- Trial Attorney- 2nd Chair
- Mass tort docket for injuries related to alleged exposure to Radioactive Ions, Asbestos, Silica, and Benzene Litigation, representing Rhodia, Inc., Bayer CropScience, Inc., Stauffer Chemical Company, and AstraZeneca
- Deposed 100+ expert and fact witnesses, discovery, witness interviews, research, briefing, hearings, motion practice, case assessment, and mediation and/or settlement negotiations

King & Spalding L.L.P. (Houston)

Staff Attorney (2001-2003)

- Mass –Tort Litigation in asbestos and silica Multi-District Litigation
- Represented Atlantic Richfield Company, Lyondell Chemical Company, and Lyondell-Citgo Refining L.P.
- Managed trial docket of 1100 cases, attending 250+ expert and fact witness depositions, motion practice, briefing, research, briefing, hearings, mediation and/or settlement negotiations

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS / AWARDS

- State Bar of Texas, Litigation & REPTL (1998)
- State Bar of Texas Pro Bono College for Outstanding Contributions of Legal Services to Low-Income Texans (2010-2014)
- Houston Inspiring Woman (2010)
- Houston Examiner, Legal Analyst (2014-2015)