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Education and Background

Born: January 17, 1957 Sacramento, California

Undergraduate: Austin College, Sherman, Texas B.A. 1979
Pi Gamma Mu, Psi Chi

Law School: Baylor University J.D. 1982
Delta Theta Phi

Board Certified Specializations,
Texas Board of Legal Specialization: Civil Trial
Civil Appellate
Personal Injury Trial Law

Mediator: Concluded over 1000 cases since 1995

Professional Affiliations

American Board of Trial Advocates: Advocate 1990 –
East Texas Chapter (Founding Member)
President 1999
Vice President 1998 – 1999
Secretary/Treasurer
1994 – 1995, 1997 – 1998

Arkansas Bar Association: Member – Appellate Practice Committee
– ADR Committee

Bar Association of the Fifth Circuit

Bar Association of the Eastern District of Texas President 2006 - 2007
Vice President 2005-2006
Secretary/Treasurer 2004 – 2005

Northeast Texas Bar Association President 2003-2004

State Bar of Texas: Board of Directors (District 1) 1995 – 1998

- Member – ADR Section
- Litigation Section
- School Law Section
- Appellate Law Section

Texas Super Lawyer (Appellate Law) 2003 - 2014

Tex-A.B.O.T.A.

Texarkana Bar Association: President 1999 – 2000

Texas Association of School Boards
Counsel of School Attorneys

Texas Bar Foundation: Sustaining Life Fellow

Texas Board of Legal Specialization Board Member 2004 – 2010

Texas Young Lawyers Association Board of Directors 1985 – 1989

Admitted to Practice

U.S. Supreme Court (1985), Eighth Circuit (1983), Fifth Circuit (1983),
Western District of Arkansas (1993), Northern District of Texas (1984),
Eastern District of Texas (1982), Arkansas (1983), Texas (1982)

Areas of Practice

Civil litigation and mediation in all state and federal courts. Areas of the law that have been litigated include: administrative law, commercial, construction, contracts, Deceptive Trade Practices, insurance code, insurance coverage, family law, oil and gas, patents, personal injury, probate, products liability, property rights, workers compensation, railroad, school law, administrative, public utility, and municipal law.

Appeals in all state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eight Circuits, Texas and Arkansas Supreme Courts, and Texas and Arkansas intermediate courts of appeal.

Mediation in the following areas of the law: administrative law, commercial, construction, contracts, Deceptive Trade Practices, insurance code, insurance coverage, patents, personal injury, probate, products liability and property rights