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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 Alumni Association, Founder (2003), 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 Bar Association, Fellow

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, <sup>st</sup> 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) 101hMlawokekeein (t)-4es FD ND1.2 ( (r9.467 10.62 0 Td 89