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EDUCATION

Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas (B.S., Business Administration, 1977)
St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas (J.D. 1980)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Presiding Judge, Seventh Administrative Judicial Region of Texas, 1998-
Family District Judge, 318th Family District Court, Midland, Texas, 1988-
Board Certified in Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (1988)
Texas Bar Foundation
The College of the State Bar of Texas
Chair, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. and Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas (2004-2005)
Texas Judicial Council, 2001-
Court Improvement Project Task Force on Foster Care, Texas Supreme Court, 1999-
Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas
Director, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas 2000-2003
Family Law Section, State Bar of Texas
Judicial Advisor, Family Law Council, State Bar of Texas 1997-1998; 1999-
Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists
Member, Texas Family Law Practice Manual Form Book Committee, Family Law Section of the State Bar
of Texas, 2000-
Course Director, 25th Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute, Texas Bar CLE (2002)
Midland County Bar Association

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, *Common Evidence Problems in Property Cases*, 14th Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute,
State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1991)
Speaker, *Persuading the Judge*, 18th Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas
Professional Development Program (1995)
Speaker, *Judge's Jam Session*, 21st Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas
Professional Development Program (1995)
Faculty, Tenth Annual Trial Institute, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists (1996)
Speaker, *A View from the Bench: Alimony, JMC, Relocation and Other Issues*, 22nd Annual Advanced
Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1996)
Faculty, *Relocation Hearing: A Live Demonstration*, 22nd Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar
of Texas Professional Development Program (1996)
Speaker, *Attorney Ad Litem and Guardian Ad Litem Practice*, 22nd Annual Advanced Family Law Course,
State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1996)
Speaker, *Hidden Jewels and Pitfalls in the Standard Possession Order*, College of Advanced Judicial
Studies, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. (1997)
Speaker, *Hidden Jewels and Pitfalls in the Standard Possession Order*, 20th Annual Marriage Dissolution
Institute, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1997)

Faculty, *Judges Panel on Custody, Visitation, and Child Support*, 23rd Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1997)

Faculty, *Presentation of a Custody Case in a Temporary Hearing*, 23rd Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1997)

Faculty, *Training for Associate Judges*, 24th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1998)

Faculty, *Impact of The New Rules of Discovery For Business, Personal Injury and Family Law Litigators*, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1999)

Faculty, *The New Discovery Rules for Family Law Attorneys*, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1999)

Faculty, *Contempt/Enforcement*, 25th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1999)

Faculty, *Title IV-D Masters' Seminar*, Office of Court Administration (1999)

Faculty, *Recovered Memory/False Memory: Valid or Voodoo?*, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1999)

Faculty, *Jury Innovations*, 26th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (2000)

Faculty, *Valuation Problems in the 21st Century*, 26th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (2000)

Faculty, *Associate Judges Training Program*, 26th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (2000)

Speaker, *Responsibilities of a Regional Administrative Judge*, Far West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference (2000)

Speaker, *The Parental Notification Statute, An Overview*, Permian Basin Legal Secretaries Association (2001)

Speaker, *Responsibilities of a Regional Administrative Judge*, Assigned Judges Seminar, Office of Court Administration (2001)

Speaker, *Updates in the Law: Family*, 2001 College of Advanced Judicial Studies, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. (2001)

Program Coordinator, *Associate Judges/Title IV-D Masters Seminar 2001*, 27th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Texas Bar CLE (2001)

Speaker, *Convincing the Court to Award Attorneys Fees*, 28th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Texas Bar CLE (2002)

Program Coordinator, *Associate Judges/Title IV-D Masters Seminar 2002*, 28th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Texas Bar CLE (2002)

Faculty, *2002 College for New Judges*, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. (2002)

Speaker, *Overview of Administrative Regions: A Brief History*, 2003 Assigned Judges Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. (2003)

Faculty, *2003 Family Violence Conference*, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. (2003)

Faculty, *2003 Judicial Section Annual Conference*, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. (2003)

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Common Evidence Problems in Property Cases, 14th Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1991)

Hidden Jewels and Pitfalls in the Standard Possession Order, 20th Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1997)

Enforcement of Direct and Indirect Acts of Contempt, Contributing Author, 25th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (1999)

Jury Innovations, Co-Author with John G. Hyde, 26th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas Professional Development Program (2000)

Responsibilities of a Regional Administrative Judge, Far West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Annual Conference (2000)

Convincing the Court to Award Attorneys Fees, 28th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Texas Bar CLE (2002)

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Clayton E. Evans Judge of the Year, Texas CASA, 1997