

# SYDNEY AARON BECKMAN

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### Lincoln Memorial University

*Knoxville, Tennessee*

Vice President

Founding Dean and Professor of Law – Duncan School of Law

October 2010 – Present

August 2008- Present

### Charleston School of Law

*Charleston, South Carolina*

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Assistant Professor of Law

January 2008 – July 2008

August 2005 – January 2008

### Texas Wesleyan University School of Law

*Fort Worth, Texas*

Adjunct Professor of Law

January 2001 – May 2005

## EDUCATION

Baylor University School of Law

Juris Doctor

May 1991

Stephen F. Austin State University

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Psychology; Minor: English)

August 1988

## SELECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS (at Duncan School of Law)

Successful review by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools with no recommendations

Successful State approval by the Tennessee Board of Law Examiners

Designed and implemented initial law school curriculum

Created and managed start-up budget

Created and implemented initial 5-Year operating budget pro forma

Managed budget for build-out and remodel of building and furnishings

Hired inaugural faculty and initial staff

Created initial law school policies and procedures

Designed classroom layouts and functionality

Designed classroom technology solutions

Implemented complete integration of interactive technology throughout the curriculum

Assisted in the creation of law school assessment mechanisms

## SELECT UNIVERSITY SERVICE (at Lincoln Memorial University)

President's Cabinet

2010 – Present

Faculty Credentials Committee

2011 – Present

Marketing Committee

2011 – Present

General Council Search Committee – Chair

2011

Chief Financial Officer Search Committee – Chair

2011

Technology Planning Committee

2010 – Present

University Research Committee

2010 – Present

Institutional Effectiveness Committee

2010 – Present

Hiring Committee – Chair

2010 – Present

Dean's Council

2008 – Present

Academic Council

2008 – Present

## **LAW SCHOOL SERVICE (at the Charleston School of Law)**

Dean's Advisory Council	2008	Faculty Recruitment – Chair	2006 - 2008
Bar Performance – Chair	2006 - 2008	Faculty Recruitment	2005 - 2006
Dean Search Committee	2008	Facilities Committee	2008
Technology Committee	2006 – 2008	Faculty Development	2007 – 2008
Admissions Committee	2005 – 2007	Student Affairs – Chair	2005 – 2006
Graduation Committee	2005 – 2007	Academic Affairs	2005 - 2006
Impact of Part-time / Evening Program – Chair	2008	Mock Trial Coach	2006 - 2007

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

*Evidence; Technology and the Law; Advanced Legal Writing;  
Domestic Relations; Marital Property; Family Law Seminar; Family Law Practicum;  
Business Ethics & Social Responsibility (for the LMU MBA Program)*

## **JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE**

Judge Pro Tempore Municipal Court – City of Fort Worth	August 2000 – March 2003
Visiting Associate Judge Have served upon the request of District Judges for the following courts: 231st; 233rd; 360th; and 325 <sup>th</sup>	

## **CERTIFICATION**

Board Certified – Family Law Texas Board of Legal Specialization	December 1996 – Present <i>Recertified 2001, 2006, 2011</i>
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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Tennessee Alliance for Legal Services Board Member	March 2010 - Present
Faith Promise Church Volunteer – Faith Promise Resources	July 2009 – Present

## **COURSE DIRECTORSHIPS**

Family Law Boot Camp State Bar of Texas	August 2001; 2002; 2003
Marriage Dissolution Institute State Bar of Texas	May 2003 Institute

## **PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AFFILIATIONS**

Hamilton Burnett American Inn of Court Knoxville, Tennessee Master	2010 - Present
Turning Technologies, Inc. Distinguished Educator	2009 - Present
Eldon B. Mahon American Inn of Court Fort Worth, Texas <i>Friend of the Inn - Award Presented For Outstanding Service</i>	2000 - 2001
Secretary (Two Consecutive Terms)	2003 - 2005
Treasurer	2002-2003
Barrister	1999 – 2005
Program Chair	1999-2000
Membership Chairman	2000 - 2002
Executive Committee	1999 - 2005
Membership Committee	1999 - 2002
Program Committee	1999 - 2001
Associate	1994 - 1998

#### TARRANT COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Solo & Small Firm Section Chair	2001 - 2002	Fee Arbitration Committee	2000 - 2005
Editorial Board	1999 - 2001	Publications Committee	1999 - 2001; 2004-2005
Bench/Bar Conf. Committee	1992 - 2005	Fund-raiser Committee	1999 - 2000

#### STATE BAR OF TEXAS - FAMILY LAW SECTION

Publications Committee Co-Chair	2001 - 2003	Legislative Committee	2000 - 2005
Checklist Committee - Chair	2002 - 2003	Checklist Committee	1997 - 2003
Special Events Committee	2000 - 2001	Website Committee	2000 - 2001

#### TEXAS ACADEMY OF FAMILY LAW SPECIALISTS

Board of Directors	2000 - 2003	Website Committee	1998 - 1999
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#### TARRANT COUNTY FAMILY LAW BAR ASSOCIATION

Bylaws Committee	1996 - 1997	Member	1992 - 2005
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#### OTHER HONORS

Texas Super Lawyers	( Texas Monthly and Law & Politics )	2003, 2004
Martindale-Hubbell	( AV Rated )	
National Registry of Who's Who	( Life Member ~ 2000 )	
College of the State Bar of Texas	( Member ~ 1992-2006)	

#### **CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEES**

5th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines University of Texas School of Law - C.L.E.	June 2005
Tarrant County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference XII	April 2005
4th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines University of Texas School of Law - C.L.E.	June 2004
Advanced Family Law Course State Bar of Texas	August 2003
State Bar of Texas Speaker Training	May 2003
Marriage Dissolution Institute State Bar of Texas	May 2002 May 2001
Advanced Family Law Trial Skills West Texas Legal Services	August 2001

# Law School / Academic Publications and Presentations

## BOOKS

- Evidence - A Contemporary Approach  
Textbook (*and Teacher's Manual*)  
Co-Author with Prof. Susan Crump and Prof. Fred Galves  
West Publishing
- First Edition  
Fall 2009
- Second Edition  
Scheduled for Publication  
Summer 2012
- Evidence Logic Maps  
Book / Study Aid  
Author  
West Publishing
- First Edition  
Spring 2010
- Second Edition  
Anticipated Publication  
Spring 2013
- Logic Maps (*Series Editor*)  
Book / Study Aid  
West Publishing  
(Federal Income Tax – Fall 2011 – Authored by Prof. Jeff Maine)  
(Civil Procedure – Spring 2012 – Authored by Prof. William Janssen)

## LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

- Redefining Adultery in the Digital Age  
Work in Progress (Working Draft)
- Not Yet Submitted for  
Publication
- From CD to MP3: Compression in the New Age of  
Technology - Overlooked Infringement or Fair Use  
Gonzaga Law Review
- April 2007
- From CD to MP3: A look at 3rd Party Liability  
Work in Progress (Concept Only)

## BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

- Smoke and Mirrors: An Escomateur as an Expert Witness  
Contribution to *Magic and the Law: A Collection of Essays*  
Carolina Academic Press (*Edited by Prof. Christine Corcos*)
- January 2010

## PRESENTATIONS

- The Pedagogy of Response Technology  
Presenter  
Indiana University Bloomington  
Bloomington, Indiana
- Scheduled for Presentation  
April 2012
- Classrooms as Flexible Learning Spaces  
Co-Presenter  
American Bar Association  
2012 Bricks, Bytes and Continuous Renovation Conference  
San Diego, California
- March 2012
- Courtrooms  
Co-Presenter  
American Bar Association  
2012 Bricks, Bytes and Continuous Renovation Conference  
San Diego, California
- March 2012

<p>A Model for Integrating Program Initiation, Accreditation, and Substantive Chance  Co-Presenter  Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges  2011 Annual Meeting of the Commission on Colleges  Orlando, FL</p>	<p>December 2011</p>
<p>Technology Unbound – Support Issues in the Wave of Changing Technology  Co-Presenter  The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction  Conference for Law School Computing  Milwaukee, WI</p>	<p>July 2011</p>
<p>The Cool Factor – Integrating ResponseWare and Making it Count  Presenter  Turning Technologies User Conference  Nashville, TN</p>	<p>April 2011</p>
<p>Effective Strategic Planning for Quality Improvement and Mission Attainment  Co-Presenter  Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges  2010 Annual Meeting of the Commission on Colleges  Louisville, KY</p>	<p>December 2010</p>
<p>Can Legal Education be Transformed Using Technology?  Presentation via Video  Primary Presenter: Gordon Russell  Society of American Law Teachers  Honolulu, Hawaii'</p>	<p>December 2010</p>
<p>Integrating Interactive Response Technology into the Classroom  Presenter  University of Tennessee Martin  Martin, TN</p>	<p>November 2010</p>
<p>The Magic of TurningPoint  Presenter  Auburn University  Auburn, AL</p>	<p>October 2010</p>
<p>Goldilocks: Right sizing technology for the law school  Panel Discussion Member  Bricks and Bytes  American Bar Association  Rutgers Law School; Camden, NJ</p>	<p>March 2010</p>
<p>Emerging Technologies: Law School of the Year 2020  Panel Discussion Member  Bricks and Bytes  American Bar Association  Rutgers Law School; Camden, NJ</p>	<p>March 2010</p>
<p>Flashy Flash: Using Advanced Tools for Classroom Presentations  Appalachian College Association  Abingdon, VA</p>	<p>October 2009</p>
<p>Implementation of Interactive Technology in the Classroom  Panel Discussion Member  Turning Technologies Annual Users Conference  Las Vegas, NV</p>	<p>October 2009</p>
<p>TurningVision - Integration of TurningPoint into an Institution  Turning Technologies Annual Users Conference  Las Vegas, NV</p>	<p>October 2009</p>

<p>Effective Classroom Presentations  Lincoln Memorial University – Faculty/Staff Conference  Harrogate, TN</p>	<p>August 2009</p>
<p>Cool Gadgets, Software and Utilities Every Faculty Member Must Have  2009 Conference for Law School Computing  CALI  Boulder, CO</p>	<p>June 2009</p>
<p>Using Electronic Responder Units for Student Engagement  DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine  Faculty Development  Harrogate, TN</p>	<p>May 2009</p>
<p>Technology in the Classroom and Beyond...  Campbell Law School  Buies Creek, North Carolina</p>	<p>April 2008</p>
<p>Smoke and Mirrors: Qualification of an Escomateur  as an Expert Witness  Law, Culture and Humanities Conference  U.C. Berkeley School of Law  Berkeley, California</p>	<p>March 2008</p>
<p>Technology in the Classroom and Beyond...  Co-Presenter with Gordon Russell  Charleston School of Law  Charleston, South Carolina</p>	<p>March 2008</p>
<p>SONIS Users Group  Charleston, South Carolina</p>	<p>March 2008</p>
<p>Family Law Bar Review Lecture  South Carolina Bar Review (now Bar/Bri)  Columbia, South Carolina</p>	<p>July 2007</p>
<p>Effective Use of Clickers in the Classroom  Co-Presenter with David Thompson  Gonzaga Institute for Law School Teaching</p>	<p>June 2007</p>
<p>Integrating Feedback: Creating a Response Oasis  in an IT Mirage  Co-Presenter with Dean Gordon Russell  CALI - The Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction  University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Law  Las Vegas, Nevada</p>	<p>June 2007</p>
<p>Integrating Real-time Feedback in the Classroom  with New Technology  Co-Presenter with Dean Gordon Russell  Charleston Connections  The Citadel  Charleston, South Carolina</p>	<p>May 2007</p>
<p>Family Law Case Update  Speaker and Author  South Carolina Bar Review  Columbia, South Carolina</p>	<p>January 2007</p>

Effective Use of Technology in the Classroom AALS Mid-Year Meeting / New Ideas for Law School Teachers Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada	June 2006
Effective Use of Technology in the Classroom (Taking it to the Edge) CALI - The Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction Nova Law School, Florida	June 2006
Effective Use of PowerPoint in the Classroom Faculty Colloquium Charleston School of Law, South Carolina	February 2006

## Professional Publications and Presentations

### BOOKS AND TRIAL AIDS

Federal Rules of Evidence (interactive e-Book) iBookstore	Anticipated Summer 2012
Federal Trial Objections - Quick Reference Card National Institute of Trial Advocacy	October 2008
O'Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook Co-Author with Randall Wilhite Jones McClure Publishing Houston, Texas	August 2006
O'Connor's Family Code Plus [Texas] (Sixth Edition) Co-Author with Randall Wilhite & Joan Jenkins Jones McClure Publishing Houston, Texas	August 2006
Texas Family Law: A Focus on Property Issues Questions, Ideas & Outlines Co-Authored with Heather King, Bruce Beverly and Randall Wilhite Imprimatur Press (Three-Volume Set)	August 2004
Texas Family Law: A Focus on Children's Issues Questions, Ideas & Outlines Co-Authored with Heather King and Bruce Beverly Imprimatur Press Dallas, Texas	November 2002 - 2nd Printing August 2002 - 1st Printing
O'Connor's Family Code Plus [Texas] (1st through 5th Editions) Author Jones McClure Publishing Houston, Texas	First Published: August 2001
Texas Family Law: Direct and Cross-Examination Questions, Ideas & Outlines Co-Authored with Heather King and Bruce Beverly Imprimatur Press Dallas, Texas	September 2001 - 2nd Printing August 2001 - 1st Printing August 2004 - 1st Update
Family Lawyer's Essential Tool Kit 2000 Author State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section ( Updated annually through 2003 )	April 2000
The Basic Family Law Trial Manual Co-Authored with Gary L. Nickelson American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers	March 2001

### PAPERS, SPEECHES & ARTICLES

The Magic of the Constitution Speaker Northeast State Community College Blountville, TN	September 2010
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Evidence Houston Family Law Trial Institute Houston, Texas	May 2009
Unusual Evidentiary Issues in the Face of New Technology Speaker Terry Carey American Inn of Court	April 2008
Evidentiary Issues in Civil Court Panel Speaker South Carolina Bar Association Annual Convention	January 2008
Effective Presentation of Your Case Speaker South Carolina Family Law Bar Association	November 2007
Evidentiary Issues in Bankruptcy Court Speaker and Author South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association	September 2007
Asserting and Overcoming Hearsay Objections in the Electronic Age Speaker and Author University of Texas School of Law - Family Law on the Front Lines	June 2007
Evidentiary Pivot Points Speaker & Author South Carolina Bar Association - Annual Meeting	January 2007
Thinking About Appellate Issues When Trying a Family Law Case Speaker & Author South Carolina Family Law Bar Association	November 2006
The Art of CYA Speaker & Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2006
Preparation of Witnesses for Trial and Depositions Speaker and Author South Carolina Family Law Bar Association	November 2005
Effective Preparation for the Board Certification Exam Panel Member & Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2005
Discovery Techniques to Make Your Lives Easier Speaker & Author Fort Worth Paralegal Association	May 2005
Internet Searches for People and Assets Speaker & Author Tarrant County Bar Association - Bench Bar Conference XII	April 2005
Discovery Techniques to Make Your Lives Easier Speaker & Author Legal Assistant's University	September 2004

Effective Evidence: What Works, What Doesn't Work, and How To Get It In? Speaker & Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2004
Information Sources in the 21st Century: Big Brother is Watching Speaker & Author University of Texas at Austin - School of Law 4th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines	June 2004
The North, South, East, and West of Fundamental Litigation Techniques Speaker Only State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting	June 2004
Discovery for the Legal Assistance Speaker & Author Fort Worth Paralegal's Association	March 2004
Preparing Witnesses and Clients for Trial Speaker & Author State Bar College - Spring Training	March 2004
Ethics Speaker and Author Legal Services of North Texas - Family Law Course	October 2003
4th Annual Family Law Boot Camp Course Director & Moderator State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2003
Preparation of Witnesses for Trial and Deposition Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2003
Techno-Lawyer Speaker and Author Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists - Trial Institute	January 2003
Drafting SAPCR Pleadings Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Drafting Course	December 2002
3rd Annual Family Law Boot Camp Course Director & Moderator State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2002
Economic Contribution: Methods of Proof Panel Member State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2002
Evidence: What's Out and What's In Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2002

Creative Presentation of Your Case Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Marriage Dissolution Institute	May 2002
Spreadsheets and Other Computer Tools Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Drafting Course	December 2001
Effective Presentation of Your Case Speaker and Author Cameron County Bar Association	November 2001
Modification Issues: Conservatorship, Access & Support Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2001
Legal Assistant's University State Bar of Texas	September 2001
Gregg County Family Law Council Speaker	October 2001
Initial Client Interviews Co-Presenter State Bar of Texas - Family Law Boot Camp	August 2001
2nd Annual Family Law Boot Camp Course Director, Moderator & Presenter State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2001
Stock Options - Who do they belong to and are they worth anything? Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Marriage Dissolution Institute	May 2001
Daubert Challenges Speaker State Bar of Texas - Ultimate Trial Notebook: Family Law	December 2000
Temporary Orders Co-Author State Bar of Texas - Ultimate Trial Notebook: Family Law	December 2000
1st Annual Family Law Boot Camp Course Director and Moderator State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2000
Demonstrative Evidence in the Family Law Courtroom Panel Chairperson and Co-Presenter State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 2000
Trial Preparation and Planning Speaker and Author West Texas Legal Services, Advanced Family Law Trial Skills Seminar Fort Worth, Texas	June 2000

Using the Internet for Research and Marketing Co-Presenter and Co-Author State Bar of Texas - Marriage Dissolution Seminar	May 2000
To Divide or Not to Divide: What to Do With Unvested Stock Options . . . Author State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section Report Re-Published: Tarrant County Bar Association Monthly Bulletin	Winter 2000 - 1 April 2000
May It Please the Court Co-Presenter and Co-Author with Group Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court	March 2000
Ethical Considerations Speaker and Author Lorman Education Services, Children's Record's Law in Texas Dallas, Texas	March 2000
Family Law 'A Brown Bag' Seminar Course Director Tarrant County Bar Association Fort Worth, Texas	November 1999
Trial Preparation and Planning Speaker and Author West Texas Legal Services Domestic Violence Seminar Fort Worth, Texas	October 1999
Computers and the Internet Speaker State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 1999
Characterization and Tracing Co-Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 1999
Family Lawyer's Essential Tool Kit Co-Authored with Gary L. Nickelson State Bar of Texas - Marriage Dissolution Institute	August 1999 - 2nd Printing May 1999 - 1st Printing
Enforcement of Contractual Child Related Provisions in a Final Decree of Divorce Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 1998
Trial Preparation and Planning Speaker and Author West Texas Legal Services Family Law Seminar	May 1998
Handling a Divorce Involving a Law Practice Co-Authored with Larry Schwartz State Bar of Texas - Marriage Dissolution Institute	May 1998

Preparation of the Client as a Witness in a Temporary Orders Hearing, Depositions and Trial Co-Authored with Gary L. Nickelson State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Art and Advocacy	December 1997
Secrets to the Certification Exam Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 1997
Effective Use of Computers in Your Law Office and Trial Practice Speaker and Author Amarillo Bar Association Amarillo, Texas	December 1996
Taming and Training Your Computer Speaker and Co-Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 1996
Drafting to Defend Enforcement Co-Authored with Gary L. Nickelson State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Drafting Seminar	December 1995
Temporary Orders Co-Authored with Gary L. Nickelson State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August 1995
Ask a Lawyer Author La Semana de Fort Worth Weekly Column for a weekly Fort Worth Hispanic Newspaper	Aug. - Oct. 1995
Trying the Final Trial at the Temporary Hearing Co-Author State Bar of Texas - Marriage Dissolution Institute	May 1995
A Matter of Perspective Author Family Law Forum A Publication of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	May 1995
Obtaining Child Support Outside the Guidelines Co-Authored with Gary L. Nickelson State Bar of Texas - Legal Assist. Division Advanced Family Law Seminar	August 1994
Special Child Support Problems (For Net Resources Below \$6000 Per Month) Co-Authored with Gary L. Nickelson State Bar of Texas - Marriage Dissolution Institute	May 1994

## BOOK CONTRIBUTIONS

Checklists for Family Law (2nd Edition) Committee Chair Co-Author with Committee Members State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section	August 2003
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State Bar of Texas - Small Firm Section Contributing Editor - Quarterly Section Report 2nd Quarter	2003 – 2007
Expert Witness Manual: Volume I Contributing Author [ Contributed portion of one chapter on Internet Research ] State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section	August 2002
Checklists 2 for Family Law Co-Author / Committee Member State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section	August 1999
Checklist & Checklists 2 for Family Law (CD-Rom Version) Co-Author / Committee Member State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section	August 1999
Checklists for Family Law Co-Author / Committee Member State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section	August 1998 - 2nd Printing August 1997 - 1st Printing