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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Charleston School of Law

Assistant Professor of Law
Charleston, South Carolina

August 2005 - Present

Courses: Evidence; Domestic Relations; Technology and the Law

Texas Wesleyan University School of Law

Adjunct Professor of Law

Spring 2001 - Spring 2005

Courses: Marital Property; Family Law Seminar; Family Law Practicum

EDUCATION:

Baylor University School of Law
Waco, Texas
Juris Doctor

May 1991

Stephen F. Austin State University
Nacogdoches, Texas

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Minor in English August 1988

CERTIFICATION:

Board Certified - Family Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization

December 1996; Re-certified 2001 & 2006

LAW SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORK:

Faculty Recruitment
Chair 2006 - Present
Member 2005 - 2006

Bar Performance
Chair 2006 - Present

Technology
Member 2006 - Present

Faculty Development
Member 2007 - Present

Admissions
Member 2005 - 2007

Graduation
Member 2005 - 2007

Student Affairs
Chair 2005 - 2006

Academic Affairs
Member 2005 - 2006

Mock Trial
Coach 2006 - 2007

Facilities Committee
Member 2008 - Present

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

Judge Pro Tempore
Municipal Court - City of Fort Worth

August 2000 - March 2003

Visiting Associate Judge

*Have served upon the request of the District Judges
for the following courts: 231st; 233rd; 360th; and 325th*

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Goodman, Clark & Beckman Arlington, Texas	November 2002 - August 2005
Law Office of Gary L. Nickelson Fort Worth, Texas	October 1993 - October 2002
Law Office of Robert Stites Fort Worth, Texas	October 1991 - October 1993

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:*ELDON B. MAHON INN OF COURT**FRIEND OF THE INN – AWARD PRESENTED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE 2000 - 2001*

Secretary (Second Consecutive Term)	2003 - 2005		
Treasurer	2002 - 2003	Barrister	1999 - 2005
Membership Chairman	2000 - 2002	Program Chairman	1999 - 2000
Membership Committee	1999 - 2002	Executive Committee	1999 - 2005
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. Cmte.	1992 - 2005	Fund-raiser Committee	1999 - 2000

STATE BAR OF TEXAS - FAMILY LAW SECTION

Publications Cmte. 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
Member	1993 - Present		

TEXAS ACADEMY OF FAMILY LAW SPECIALISTS

Board of Directors	2000 - 2003	Website Committee	1998 - 1999
Member	1997 - Present		

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-Present)	
College of the State Bar of Texas	(Member ~ 1992-Present)	

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PLANNING COMMITTEES:

5 th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines University of Texas School of Law - C.L.E.	June 2005 Course
Tarrant County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference XII	April 2005 Conference

4 th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines University of Texas School of Law - C.L.E.	June 2004 Course
Advanced Family Law Course State Bar of Texas	August 2003 Course
State Bar of Texas Speaker Training	May 2003
Marriage Dissolution Institute State Bar of Texas	May 2002 Institute May 2001 Institute
Advanced Family Law Trial Skills West Texas Legal Services	August 2001 Seminar

ADDITIONAL TRAINING:

State Bar of Texas Speaker Training		1996; 1997; 2003
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Post-graduate Family Law Course		July 1996
Dispute Resolution Services of Tarrant County Fort Worth, Texas	Mediation Training Volunteer Mediator	February 1992 1992 - 2001

LAW SCHOOL HONORS & AWARDS:

Baylor Law School Academic Scholarship Baylor Law School Honors List		Fall 1988
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UNDERGRADUATE HONORS:

Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges Stephen F. Austin State University Dean's List Stephen F. Austin State University Student Government Service Award Psi Chi - Psychology Honor Society		Lifetime Member
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EXTRACURRICULAR AFFILIATIONS:

International Brotherhood of Magicians		2001 - Present
Society of American Magicians		2001 - Present
Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association		1998 - Present
Quarter Century Wireless Association (25 years as a licensed Amateur Radio Operator)		2004 - Present

INTERESTS:

Fiction Writing, Magic, Photography, Wood Turning, Flying, Computers & Electronics		
Amateur Radio Operator (N5DWP - Advanced Class)		1979 - Present

LAW SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

BOOKS:

Evidence - A Contemporary Approach Textbook Co-Author with Prof. Susan Crump and Prof. Fred Galves Thomson - West Publishing	Scheduled for Publication Fall 2009
The Video Project - Evidence (working title only) Co-Author with Prof. Miller Shealy Tentative Contract with Aspen Press	Not Yet Scheduled for Publication

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES:

From CD to MP3: Compression in the New Age of Technology - Overlooked Infringement or Fair Use Gonzaga Law Review	April 2007
Cybersex: Redefining Adultery in the Computer Age <i>Work in Progress</i>	Not Yet Submitted for Publication
From CD to MP3: A look at 3 rd Party Liability <i>Work in Progress</i>	Not Yet Submitted for Publication

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Smoke and Mirrors: An Escomateur as an Expert Witness Contribution to: Magic and the Law: A Collection of Essays Carolina Academic Press	Scheduled for Publication July 2008
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PRESENTATIONS:

Technology in the Classroom and Beyond... Campbell Law School Buies Creek, North Carolina	April 2008
Smoke and Mirrors: Qualification of an Escomateur as an Expert Witness Law, Culture and Humanities Conference U.C. Berkeley School of Law Berkeley, California	March 2008
Technology in the Classroom and Beyond... Co-Presenter with Gordon Russell Charleston School of Law Charleston, South Carolina	March 2008
SONIS Users Group Charleston, South Carolina	March 2008

<p>Family Law Bar Review Lecture South Carolina Bar Review (<i>now Bar/Bri</i>) Columbia, South Carolina</p>	July	2007
<p>Effective Use of <i>Clickers</i> in the Classroom Co-Presenter with David Thompson Gonzaga Institute for Law School Teaching</p>	June	2007
<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>	June	2007
<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>	May	2007
<p>Family Law Case Update Speaker and Author South Carolina Bar Review Columbia, South Carolina</p>	January	2007
<p>Effective Use of Technology in the Classroom Speaker AALS Mid-Year Meeting / New Ideas for Law School Teachers Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada</p>	June	2006
<p>Effective Use of Technology in the Classroom (Taking it to the Edge) Speaker CALI - The Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction Nova Law School, Florida</p>	June	2006
<p>Effective Use of PowerPoint in the Classroom Speaker Faculty Colloquium Charleston School of Law, South Carolina</p>	February	2006

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & SPEECHES

BOOKS & TRIAL AIDS:

<p>Divorce Trial Objections American Bar Association - Family Law Section</p>	<p>Scheduled for Publication November 2008</p>
<p>South Carolina Family Code Annotated South Carolina Bar Association - C.L.E. Division</p>	<p>Scheduled for Publication September 2008</p>
<p>South Carolina Trial Objections - Quick Reference Card South Carolina Bar Association - C.L.E. Division</p>	<p>Scheduled for Publication September 2008</p>
<p>Federal Trial Objections - Quick Reference Card National Institute of Trial Advocacy</p>	<p>Scheduled for Publication May 2008</p>
<p>O'Connor's Texas Family Law Handbook Co-Author with Randall Wilhite Jones McClure Publishing Houston, Texas</p>	<p>August 2006</p>
<p>O'Connor's Family Code Plus [Texas] (Sixth Edition) Co-Author with Randall Wilhite & Joan Jenkins Jones McClure Publishing Houston, Texas</p>	<p>August 2006</p>
<p>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)</p>	<p>August 2004</p>
<p>Texas Family Law: A Focus on Children's Issues Questions, Ideas & Outlines Co-Authored with Heather King and Bruce Beverly Imprimatur Press Dallas, Texas</p>	<p>November 2002 - 2nd Printing August 2002 - 1st Printing</p>
<p>O'Connor's Family Code Plus [Texas] (1st through 5th Editions) Author Jones McClure Publishing Houston, Texas</p>	<p>First Published: August 2001</p>
<p>Texas Family Law: Direct and Cross-Examination Questions, Ideas & Outlines Co-Authored with Heather King and Bruce Beverly Imprimatur Press Dallas, Texas</p>	<p>September 2001 - 2nd Printing August 2001 - 1st Printing August 2004 - 1st Update</p>
<p>Family Lawyer's Essential Tool Kit 2000 Author State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section</p>	<p>April 2000 (Updated annually through 2003)</p>
<p>The Basic Family Law Trial Manual Co-Authored with Gary L. Nickelson American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers</p>	<p>March 2001</p>

PAPERS, SPEECHES & ARTICLES:

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
<i>Information Sources in the 21st Century: Big Brother is Watching</i> Speaker & Author University of Texas at Austin - School of Law 4 th Annual Family Law on the Front Lines	June	2004
<i>The North, South, East, and West of Fundamental Litigation Techniques</i> Speaker only - did not contribute to article State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting	June	2004
<i>Discovery for the Legal Assistance</i> Speaker & Author Fort Worth Paralegal's Association	March	2004
<i>Preparing Witnesses and Clients for Trial</i> Speaker & Author State Bar College - "Spring Training"	March	2004
<i>Ethics</i> Speaker and Author Legal Services of North Texas - Family Law Course	October	2003
<i>4th Annual Family Law Boot Camp</i> Course Director & Moderator State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August	2003
<i>Preparation of Witnesses for Trial and Deposition</i> Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August	2003
<i>Techno-Lawyer</i> Speaker and Author Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists - Trial Institute	January	2003
<i>Drafting SAPCR Pleadings</i> Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Drafting Course	December	2002
<i>3^d Annual Family Law Boot Camp</i> Course Director & Moderator State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August	2002
<i>Economic Contribution: Methods of Proof</i> Panel Member State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August	2002
<i>Evidence: What's Out and What's In</i> Speaker and Author State Bar of Texas - Advanced Family Law Course	August	2002
<i>Creative Presentation of Your Case</i> 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

State Bar of Texas - Legal Assistants' University September 2001

Gregg County Family Law Council 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

Winter

2000 - 1

Re-Published: Tarrant County Bar Association Monthly Bulletin

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 "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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS:

<i>Checklists for Family Law (2nd Edition)</i>	Committee Chair Co-Author with Committee Members State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section	August	2003
<i>State Bar of Texas - Small Firm Section</i>	Contributing Editor - Quarterly Section Report	2 nd Quarter	2003 - Present

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