

brief resume

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PRIMARY AREAS OF PRACTICE: family and probate

EDUCATION: B.A. Texas Christian Univ., Ft. Worth (psychology major)	1971
M.A. Texas Christian Univ. " psychology	1975
Juris Doctor - Southern Methodist Univ.	1986
Licensed in Texas since	1986

After 3 years with John Diggins and Associates, LLP, in North Dallas, I went solo.

My private family law practice experience has focused on child custody cases as well as non-marital cohabitation property divisions and family disputes and private adoptions.

My probate practice has involved litigation and trial work but the majority of my cases involve estate planning for non taxable estates, guardianship, and probate.

I believe that my Masters degree in psychology as well as my years of counseling experience have been of immeasurable help in both my family law and probate work. I enjoy helping my clients through tough times, whether it involves the break up of a family or the loss or mental decline of a loved one. I believe strongly in alternate dispute resolution, in lieu of litigation. However, I also believe that mediation has become a substitute for what lawyers use to do without the expense of a mediator - assist clients in negotiating settlements. Litigation costs can wreak havoc on a client's financial future for years to come. The emotional and psychological costs can be devastating and irrevocable.

BAR ACTIVITIES:

1989- 1994--5 years as Director of Dallas Women's Bar Association.
Multi years service on the Dallas Bar. Asso. Fee Dispute Committee.
Prior years of service on the Peer Assistance and other committees.

Past President (1993) of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers. This organization provides Support for impaired attorneys, actively intervenes to protect the community & Get impaired attorneys into inpatient treatment (whether for depression, alcoholism, drug addiction, or other mental health impairment), and supervises attorneys who are in recovery but whose licenses have been placed on probation by the State Bar Asso.

I remain active in providing Pro Bono legal services to the poor mainly through Dallas Legal Aid/North Texas Legal Services and the Dallas Bar Asso.

CIVIC WORK: Irving League of Women Voters - Board Member (2006 - 2008)

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT:

1976 - 1984 Dallas Co. Adult Probation Officer

I developed and ran the in house alcohol education program for repeat offenders. For 2 years, I handled a specialized caseload of probationers with mental health, alcohol, and/or drug problems.

1975 - 1976 Assistant Director of group homes & halfway houses for TYC paroles, run by Volunteers of America.

1972 - 1975 Education and Training Specialist for the Tarrant Council on Alcoholism
Developed copyrighted training curriculums and conducted training for the public schools, County hospital emergency room staff, the police training academy, and Social service agencies staff.