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Board Certified in Civil Appellate Law
Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Education

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School
Royal Stone Scholar
Journal of Law & Inequality

B.A., University of Minnesota (Political Science)
Sumner Sullivan Young Award for Excellence in Collegiate Debate

Harvard University, Graduate School of Education, Principals Institute

Professional Awards & Recognitions

2024 State Bar of Texas Pat Nester Award for Innovation in Continuing Legal Education
2023 Richard Alderman Award, State Bar of Texas Consumer & Commercial Law Section
2019 Texas Bar College Jim Bowmer Professionalism Award
2017 State Bar of Texas Patrick Wiseman Award
(for lifetime contributions to defense of constitutional rights in Texas)
2016 Texas Bar Foundation Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award
(for contributions to the profession and excellence in legal writing)
2015 State Bar of Texas Gene Cavin Award
(for lifetime contributions to continuing legal education)
2015 Helen Cassidy Lifetime Achievement Award for Continuing Legal Education
2014 Dallas County District Attorney Salute to Excellence Award
2014 Richard Alderman Award, State Bar of Texas Consumer & Commercial Law Section
2013 Richard Alderman Award, State Bar of Texas Consumer & Commercial Law Section
2013 Helen A. Cassidy Award, State Bar of Texas Appellate Law Section
2012 Helen A. Cassidy Award, State Bar of Texas Appellate Law Section
2011 Helen A. Cassidy Award, State Bar of Texas Appellate Law Section
2009 Helen A. Cassidy Award, State Bar of Texas Appellate Law Section
2008 Helen A. Cassidy Award, State Bar of Texas Appellate Law Section
2008 State Bar of Texas "Standing Ovation" Award
2010 "Pro Bono Champion," Texas Access to Justice Commission
2006 Finalist, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches State Coach of the Year

2002 Honoree for Teaching Excellence, Texas Association of Accredited Private Schools
2002 Honoree for Promotion of Diversity and Tolerance, Southern Poverty Law Center
Thompson Reuters Texas Super Lawyer (2011–2025)
Thompson Reuters Top 100 Super Lawyers in Texas (2019, 2020, 2021, 2024, 2025)
Thompson Reuters Top 100 Super Lawyers in Dallas-Fort Worth (2019–2025)
D Magazine Best Lawyers in Dallas (2011–2025)
Appellate Lawyer of the Year, Best Lawyers in America (2019)
Best Lawyers in America (2018–2024)
LawDragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America (2020, 2024)
LawDragon 500 Leading Litigators in America (2023)

Bar Activities and Leadership

Chair of the Board, State Bar of Texas (2022–2023)
Nominated Candidate, President, State Bar of Texas (2017)
Commissioner, Texas Access to Justice Commission (2020–2023)
Texas Bar Foundation Board of Directors (2024–)
Member, American Bar Association House of Delegates (2019–2021)
State Bar of Texas Board of Directors (2007–2010, 2020–2024)
State Bar of Texas Executive Committee (2010, 2021–2024)
State Bar of Texas Continuing Legal Education Committee (2024–)
State Bar of Texas Rules Committee (2020–2022)
Texas Bar College, Board of Directors (2008–2014)
Chair, Texas Bar College (2015)
Chair, State Bar of Texas Council of Chairs (2011)
Chair, Consumer & Commercial Law Section, State Bar of Texas (2006–2007)
Council Member, Consumer & Commercial Law Section, State Bar of Texas (2008–2017)
Chair, Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section, State Bar of Texas (2007–2009)
Vice Chair, Appellate Law Section, State Bar of Texas (2025–2026)
Council Member, Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section, State Bar of Texas (2009–2017)
Secretary, Appellate Law Section, State Bar of Texas (2023–2024)
Council Member, Appellate Law Section, State Bar of Texas (2011–2014)
Member, Texas Supreme Court Taskforce to Expand Legal Services Delivery (2005–2007)
Member, Texas Supreme Court Committee on Board Certification for Judicial Administration
Member, District 6A Grievance Committee, State Bar of Texas
Host Committee, Annual Access to Justice Gala
Member, Pro Bono College, State Bar of Texas
Sustaining Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
Co-Chair, Dallas Bar Association Bench Bar Committee (2020)
Co-Chair, Dallas Bar Association Law in the Schools Committee (2020)

Partial Record of Non-Seminar Publications

Justice Brennan's Curious Concurrence: Solving the Mystery of McDonald v. Smith, Appellate Advocate (2025)

Knives Out: A Call for the Supreme Court of Texas to Abolish the So-Called "Rule" Against Inference Stacking, 52 Tex. Tech. L. Rev. 705 (2020)

And Hell Came With Him: How A Notorious Old West Outlaw Escaped Texas Justice, Appellate Advocate (2023)

The Cite Goes On: Citations to Pop Music in Wisconsin Judicial Opinions, Wisconsin B.J. (January 2021)

The Cites That Bind: Citations to Popular Music in Texas Case Law, Appellate Advocate (Winter 2021)

Stay at Home – Legal Principles Too Important for Partisanship, Texas Lawbook (2020)

Naked in the Fifth Circuit with Jerry, Texas Bar College Bulletin (2020)

Legal Lessons from the Hardwood, Texas Bar Journal (2017)

Tips for Oral Argument, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes (2017)

Tips for Formatting E-Filed Pleadings, Wisconsin Bar Journal (2017)

Rap Is Not A Crime, Dallas Morning News (2016)

Texas Adopts Anti-SLAPP Statute, State Bar College Bulletin (2012)

Marbury v. Madison and the Roots of Judicial Review, State Bar College Bulletin (2010)

Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List, 43 Tex. J. Bus. Law 593 (2009)

Consumer Law Update, Tex. B.J. (January 2012)

Consumer Law Update, Tex. B.J. (January 2011)

Consumer Law Update, Tex. B.J. (January 2010)

United States Supreme Court Update, State Bar College Newsletter (2010)

Survey Says...!: Texas Judges Comment on Legal Writing, State Bar College Newsletter (2009)

Consumer Law, Texas Bar Journal (January 2009)

Improving Legal Writing: The Use of Introductions, State Bar College Newsletter (2009)

Individual Rights & Responsibilities Section Update, Tex. B.J. (July 2008)

Consumer & Commercial Law Section Update, Tex. B.J. (July 2007)

Counseling Identity Theft Victims, J. Tex. Consumer Law (Summer 2006)

Counseling Identity Theft Victims, J. Tex. Consumer Law (Spring 2005)

Sovereign Immunity for Nuisance and Takings Claims After City of Dallas v. Jennings, 58 SMU L. Rev. 195 (Winter 2005)

SLAPP-ed Around: Defending Consumers from Retaliatory Litigation, J. Tex. Consumer Law (Fall 2004)

Jewish Law and Healthcare Tort Reform, ABA Journal of Health Law Litigation (January 2004)

Investigators Beware: NLRB Expands Employee Rights During Investigations, 6 The Texas Investigator 12 (July/August 2001)

In the Name of the Father: A Critique of Reliance on Jewish Law to Support the Moral Legitimacy of Capital Punishment 78 Univ. of Detroit Mercy L. Rev. 41 (2000)

Research of Jewish Law Issues: A Basic Guide and Bibliography for Students and Practitioners, 77 Univ. of Detroit Mercy L. Rev. 303 (2000)

Computerized Background and Asset Checks, in Investigating Fraud (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, 1999)

How to Analyze Red Flags, in Finding Fraud (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, 1999)

External Fraud Schemes, in Finding Fraud (Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, 1999)

Through the Looking Glass: A Brief Comment on the Short Life and Unhappy Demise of the Singleton Rule, 27 N. Kentucky L. Rev. 841 (2000)

The Widening Gyre: The Illusory Promise of Meaningful Judicial Review of ERISA Benefit Denials in the Fifth Circuit, 25 Southern U. L. Rev. 99 (1997)

If I Had A Hammer: Defending SLAPP Suits in Texas, 3 Tex. Wesleyan L. Rev. 55 (1996)

ADA Practitioners Beware, 3 Tex. Forum on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties 91 (1997)

Dangerous Liaisons: Campus Racial Harassment Policies, the First Amendment, and the Efficacy of Suppression, 11 Whittier L. Rev. 697 (1991)

Technical Foul: The Legality and Wisdom of NCAA Academic Requirements, 20 Lincoln L. Rev. 71 (1991)

Guess Who's Coming to America: An Analysis of United States HIV-Related Immigration Policies, 32 Washburn L.J. 301 (1993)

Miscommunication is Often the Basis of Harassment, Today's Dallas Woman, September, 1994

The Miseducation of Itzy Ribald, JVElite.com (2007)

Jewish Values and Coaching, Jewish Sports Connection (2005)

Yonder Scots Will Fight: Robert the Bruce and The Battle of Bannockburn, HistoricBattles.com

Presumption of Innocence is Crucial, Lakeshore Times (August 29, 1996)

Citizens Beware: You May Be SLAPPED, Lakeshore Times (September 12, 1996)

The Case of the Missing Defense, Full Court Press (1991)

NCAA Rules Need to be Reevaluated, Full Court Press (1991)

Record of Professional Experience

Johnston Tobey Baruch
Shareholder (2015–)

Alcuin Upper School
Boy's Basketball Coach (2016–2019)

The Law Office of Chad Baruch
Owner/Attorney (1998–2015)

Paul Quinn College
Men's Basketball Coach (2013–2015)

Abbott & Baruch
Partner/Attorney (1993–1998)

Yavneh Academy of Dallas
Assistant Principal, Athletic Director
Basketball Coach, Government Teacher (1996–2012)

Baker Technologies Incorporated
Shareholder, Licensed Private Investigator (1998–2002)

University of Dallas
Men's Basketball Coach (1995–1996)

University of Dallas
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach (1994–1995)

Brookhaven College
Adjunct Professor of Government (1994–1996)

Eastfield College
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach (1993–1994)

Dodge Associates
Attorney (1993)

Conant Whittenburg Whittenburg & Schachter
Attorney (1991–1993)

De La Salle High School
Assistant Boy's Basketball Coach (1990–1991)

Richfield High School
Director of Debate
(1988–1990)

Selected Seminar Activities

Course Director

State Bar of Wisconsin 2026 Constitutional Law Symposium
State Bar of Wisconsin 2026 Legal Writing Course
State Bar of Texas 2026 Advanced Personal Injury Course
State Bar of Texas 2025 Becoming An Appellate Lawyer Course
State Bar of Texas 2025 Emerging Issues in Sports Law Course
State Bar of Wisconsin 2025 Constitutional Law Symposium
State Bar of Wisconsin 2025 Legal Writing Course
State Bar of Wisconsin 2024 Constitutional Law Symposium

State Bar of Wisconsin 2024 Legal Writing Course
State Bar of Wisconsin 2023 Constitutional Law Symposium
State Bar of Wisconsin 2023 Legal Writing Course
State Bar of Wisconsin 2022 Constitutional Law Symposium
State Bar of Wisconsin 2022 Legal Writing Course
State Bar of Texas 2020 Legal Writing Course
State Bar of Texas 2018 Advanced Civil Appellate Course
State Bar of Texas 2017 Summer School Course
State Bar of Texas 2016 Opening Your First General Practice Course
State Bar of Texas 2015 Legal Writing to Win Course
State Bar of Texas 2015 Advanced Trial Strategies Course
State Bar of Texas 2014 Litigating the Constitution Course
State Bar of Texas 2014 Exceptional Legal Writing Course
State Bar of Texas 2013 Litigating the Constitution Course
State Bar of Texas 2013 Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course
State Bar of Texas 2013 Advanced Legal Writing Course
State Bar of Texas 2012 Handling Your First Civil Appeal Course
State Bar of Texas 2012 Handling Your First Consumer Law Case Course
State Bar of Texas 2012 Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas 2012 State Bar College Summer School Course
State Bar of Texas 2012 Advanced Consumer Law Course
State Bar of Texas 2011 State Bar Colleged Summer School Course
State Bar of Texas 2011 Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas 2011 Handling Your First Civil Appeal Course
State Bar of Texas 2010 Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas 2010 Winning Before Trial Course
State Bar of Texas 2009 Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas 2008 Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas 2008 Consumer & Commercial Law Course
State Bar of Texas 2007 Advanced Civil Trial Course
State Bar of Texas 2007 Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course
State Bar of Texas 2007 Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas 2006 Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course
State Bar of Texas 2005 Advanced Consumer Law Course
Consumer Law Essentials, State Bar of Texas Consumer Law Section Pro Bono Seminar

Speaker

2026

United States Supreme Court Update: A Panel

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium

Developments in Second Amendment Jurisprudence

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium

Storytelling and Communications

State Bar of Texas Minority Counsel Program

Attorney Immunity

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course

Briefing Waiver on Appeal

State Bar of Texas Advanced Appellate Law Course

Engagement Letters

State Bar of Texas Business Disputes Course

Contract Drafting

State Bar of Texas In-House Counsel Course

Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Advanced Personal Injury Course

State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course

Texas Supreme Court: Are You Listening?—Divisions Among the Appellate Courts on Family Issues

State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course

Legal Writing for Paralegals

Dallas Area Paralegal Association Annual Conference

Persuasive Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Criminal Law Foundations Course

United States Supreme Court Update

State Bar of Texas Summer School Course

State Bar of Texas Webcast

Briefing Waiver on Appeal: A Panel Discussion

University of Texas Law School Conference on Civil & Criminal Appeals

Everything You Know is Wrong: 20 Years of Changes in Constitutional Law

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

The Texas Constitution: A Panel Discussion

Dallas Bar Association Mock Voir Dire Event

Preservation of Error

State Bar of Texas Advanced Evidence & Discovery Course

The Supreme Court's Tariffs Decision

State Bar of Texas Webcast

Hopkins County Bar Association

Back to the Beginning: Marbury v. Madison and the Roots of Judicial Review

Corpus Christi Bar Association

Storytelling for Lawyers

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

Improving Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Advanced Employment Course

2025

Error Preservation

State Bar of Texas Advanced Personal Injury Course

The Art of Storytelling in Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

State Bar of Texas Summer School

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course

Texas Association of Appellate Staff Attorneys Annual Conference

Buck v. Bell

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Crafting Better Legal Opinions

In-House Presentation for Texas Intermediate Appellate Courts

Executive Orders and the Constitution

State Bar of Texas Webcast

State Bar of Wisconsin Webcast

The Rule of Law: A Panel Discussion

Dallas Bar Association

Tips for Improving Oral Argument

State Bar of Texas Appellate Law Section Lunch and Learn

Error Preservation

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

The Art of Storytelling for Lawyers

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

Tips on Legal Writing

University of Houston Law Center

Oral Argument: A Panel Discussion

State Bar of Texas Becoming An Appellate Lawyer Course

Initiating Appellate Litigation: A Panel Discussion

State Bar of Texas Becoming An Appellate Lawyer Course

Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Government Law 101 Course

2024

Tips for Improving Oral Argument

Dallas Bar Association Appellate Law Section

Litigating Election Contests

State Bar of Texas Election Law Course

Back to the Beginning: Marbury v. Madison and the Roots of Judicial Review

Johnston County Bar Association

Election Litigation Panel

State Bar of Texas Administrative and Election Law Course

United States Supreme Court Update

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium
Rap on Trial
State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium
Legal Writing: A Bit of the Ol' Razzle Dazzle
State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Writing Course
Improving Oral Argument
Dallas Bar Association Appellate Law Section
United States Supreme Court Update
State Bar of Texas Webcast
Oral Argument: Lessons I Learned in College Debate
State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course
Storytelling for Lawyers
State Bar of Texas Business Disputes Course
Ten Ways to Make Your Appellate Lawyer Happy
State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course
Twenty Ways to Make Your Appellate Lawyer Happy
State Bar of Texas Summer School Course
Legal Writing
State Bar of Texas Advanced Government Law Course
Rap on Trial: The Use of Rap Lyrics in Criminal Prosecutions
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
Rap on Trial: The Use of Rap Lyrics in Criminal Prosecutions
State Bar of Texas Podcast
Tinker v. Des Moines: An Unscripted Oral Argument
Dallas Bar Association Annual Mock Voir Dire Program
Supreme Court of Texas Update
Hidalgo County Annual Hockema Civil Litigation Seminar
The Use of Rap Lyrics in Criminal Prosecutions
State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course
Is this Evidence Real?: AI in the Courtroom
Montgomery County Annual Civil Litigation Seminar
Writing to Make the Story Come Alive
El Paso Court of Appeals In-House Training Course
Improving Legal Writing: A Webcast Panel
Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
No Comment: Handling High Publicity Cases (A Panel Discussion)
State Bar of Texas Litigation Update Institute
AI in the Courtroom: A Panel Discussion
State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course
Supreme Court of Texas Update
State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course
United States Supreme Court Update
State Bar of Texas Board of Directors Local CLE (San Antonio)

2023

Humor in Judicial Opinions: A Panel Discussion

Appellate Judges Education Institute (Washington DC)

Legal Writing: A Bit of the Ol' Razzle Dazzle

State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Writing Course

United States Supreme Court Update

State Bar of Texas Webcast

State Bar of Texas Board of Directors Local CLE (Fort Worth)

Inference Stacking: When You Can Stack Inferences, and How to Tell If You Are

University of Texas Conference on State and Federal Appeals

From Dobbs to Roe: A Review of the Supreme Court's Abortion Jurisprudence

State Bar of Wisconsin Bill of Rights Course

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Is Anything We Learned in Con Law Still Right?: A Review of Recent SCOTUS Decisions

Rockwall County Bar Association Bench Bar Retreat

A House Divided: Practicing Law (and Living) in the Age of Discord

Corpus Christi Bar Association Law Day (Keynote Presentation)

Improving Your Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Webcast

Austin Young Lawyers Association Webcast

State Bar of Texas Board of Directors Local CLE (Waco)

State Bar of Texas Board of Directors Local CLE (McAllen)

State Bar of Texas Administrative Law Course

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course

State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course

Appeals from A to Z

Plano Bar Association

Marbury v. Madison: An Entertaining Romp Through the Roots of Judicial Review

Amarillo Area Bar Association

Hopkins County Bar Association

State Bar College Summer School Course

Top Ten Ways to Make Your Appellate Lawyer Happy

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trucking Law Course

Keeping Your Fat Out of the Frying Pan: Avoiding Malpractice and Grievances

State Bar of Texas Minority Counsel Program

2022

Tinker Redux: Student Speech Back at SCOTUS

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium

The New SCOTUS First Amendment Decisions: A Panel Discussion

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium
Legal Writing: A Bit of the Ol' Razzle Dazzle
State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Writing Course
Dealing with the Commission on Judicial Conduct
Harris County Judicial Retreat: District and County Court Judges
Harris County Judicial Retreat: Justices of the Peace
Malpractice Avoidance
State Bar of Texas Military and Veterans Law Section
Appeals from A to Z
Dallas Bar Association Solo and Small Firm Section
Judicial Disqualification and Recusal
State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course
State Bar of Texas Litigation Section Webcast
Marbury v. Madison: An Entertaining Romp Through the Roots of Judicial Review
Lubbock County Bar Association
Texas Association of Civil Trial and Appellate Specialists
Legal Writing: Trial Motions
State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course
United States Supreme Court Update
Texas Bar College Webcast
Top Ten Things to Make Your Appellate Lawyer Happy
State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course
The Intersection of Employment Law, the First Amendment, and Social Media
State Bar of Texas Advanced Administrative Law Course
Student Speech
State Bar of Texas Litigating the Constitution Course
Dallas Bar Association Appellate Law Section
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
Damages
State Bar of Texas Contracting in the COVID and Post-COVID World
Marbury v. Madison: A Live and Unscripted Oral Argument
Dallas Inn of Court
SMU Law School
Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List
Tarrant County Bar Association
State Bar of Texas Advanced Government Law Course
State Bar of Texas Board of Directors Local Bar CLE Course
Error Preservation: A Panel Discussion
State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course
Five Years of Trial-Procedure Decisions from the Supreme Court of Texas
State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course
State Bar of Texas Summer School Course
State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course

2021

Better Opinion Writing for Judges

Harris County Civil Judges Retreat

To Infinity and Beyond: Legal Writing for A New Generation of Appellate Judges

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course

To Infinity and Beyond: Legal Writing for A New Generation of Judges

Dallas Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

Handling High Profile Cases: A Panel Discussion

State Bar of Texas Summer School Course

Strategic Use of Inferences at Trial

State Bar of Texas Business Disputes Course

Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

State Bar of Texas Advanced Administrative Law Course

State Bar of Texas Webcast

Make Your Point: Effective Legal Writing Tips

State Bar of Texas Advanced Government Law Course

Legal Writing with a Focus on Probate, Tax, and Estate Instruments

State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning Course

Ethics in Communications During the Pandemic

Dallas Bar Association Ethics Program

The Dirty Dozen: The Last 12 (Or So) Unfortunate Cases

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

The History and Law of Protest Speech in America

Dallas Bar Association Mock Voir Dire Program

Constitutional Challenges to COVID-Related Measures

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course

Ethical Issues Related to Remote Practice

American Bar Association TIPS Annual Meeting

2020

Constitutional Challenges to COVID-Related Measures

State Bar of Wisconsin Bill of Rights Course

Legal Writing: A Bit of the Ol' Razzle-Dazzle

State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Writing Course

State Bar of Texas Legal Writing Course

Elementary My Dear Justice: The Proper Role of Inferences in Texas Sufficiency Review

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course

Recent Texas Decisions on the Law of Lawyering

State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course

A Panel on the Law of Lawyering

Dallas Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

Rap on Trial: A Panel on Hip Hop and the Criminal Justice System

Dallas Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

DTPA Damages

State Bar of Texas Summer School Course

Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List

State Bar of Texas Administrative Law Course

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course

The Trial of the Century: Lessons from the People v. OJ Simpson

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

Legal Writing: A Panel on Best Practices

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

The Constitutional Convention and Ratification Process

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course

2019

The Constitutional Convention and Ratification Process

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium

Legal Writing: A Bit of the Ol' Razzle-Dazzle

State Bar of Wisconsin Know Your Writes Course

You Gotta Fight, For Your Right: The Pledge of Allegiance in the Classroom, the Courtroom, and the Locker Room

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course

Bon Voyage to Common Legal Mistakes

State Bar of Texas Alaskan CLE Cruise

Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List

National Hispanic Bar Association Annual Meeting

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course

State Bar of Texas Advanced Administrative Law Course

First Amendment Panel

Dallas Bar Association

120 Years of Briefing in the Supreme Court of Texas

State Bar of Texas Supreme Court History and Practice Course

Preservation of Error for Appeal

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

Update on the Law of Lawyering

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

State Bar of Texas Litigation Update Institute

State Bar of Texas Summer School Course

Bernie: The True Story of an East Texas Murder

State Bar of Texas Litigation Update Institute

2018

The Court and the Pledge: A Discussion of West Virginia v. Barnette

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium

Legal Writing on Appeal

State Bar of Texas Civil Appellate Practice 101 Course

Ethics and Fees in Family Law Cases

Tarrant County Bar Association Family Law Section Symposium

Straight Outta Stevens Point: Hip-Hop, F-Bombs, and the Effective Use of Amicus Briefs in Constitutional Cases

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Law Symposium

The Texas Citizens Participation Act: A Panel Discussion

Dallas Bar Association Lunch Presentation

Legal Writing in the Digital Era

State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Writing Course

Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List

State Bar of Texas Fiduciary Litigation Course

United States Supreme Court Update

State Bar of Texas Webcast

Ethics in Attorney's Fees

State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course=

Legal Writing for E-Filing

State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer and Commercial Law Course

Preservation of Error

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

Attorney's Fees in Family Cases

State Bar of Texas Webcast

West Virginia v. Barnette: A Live Oral Argument

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Practice Before the United States Supreme Court: A Panel of Former Clerks

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course

Legal Writing for Government Lawyers

State Bar of Texas Government Law Course

Legal Writing in the Digital Era

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

2017

Student Speech Rights: The Demise of Tinker?

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Symposium

Back to the Beginning: Marbury v. Madison and the Roots of Judicial Review

State Bar of Wisconsin Constitutional Symposium

Legal Writing for Paralegals

Tarrant County Paralegal Association
A Live Oral Argument of Marbury v. Madison
State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
Tony Mauro on the U.S. Supreme Court
Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
U.S. Supreme Court Update
Rockwall County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference
Improving Legal Writing
Denton County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference
Legal Writing Mechanics and Why You Should Care
State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course
Error Preservation
State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course
History's Forgotten Freedom: The History, Meaning, and Significance of the Petition Clause
State Bar of Texas History of Texas Supreme Court Jurisprudence Course
Improving Appellate Briefs
State Bar of Texas Practice Before the Supreme Court of Texas Course
Legal Writing Like Aaron Rogers
State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course
Preserving Error During Trial
Dallas Bar Association Civil Trial Academy
Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List
Wisconsin State Bar Know Your Writes Course
Formatting E-Filed Pleadings
Wisconsin State Bar Know Your Writes Course

2016

Legal Writing in the E-Filing Era
State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course
Practice Before the Texas Supreme Court
State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course
Percolating Conflicts in the Intermediate Appellate Courts
State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer Law Course
Droppin' Effective Amicus Briefs
State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course
Theme Development in Briefs
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
Representing the Unpopular Client
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
Contracting for and Proving Ethical Attorney's Fees

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
Legal Writing: Avoiding Ambiguity
 Minnesota Probate & Trust Conference
Top 10 Things Not to Put in Real Estate Instruments
 State Bar of Texas Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course
Drafting Contracts to Avoid Ambiguity
 State Bar of Texas Advanced Business Law Course
Prosecutorial Misconduct
 State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course
Hip Hop and the First Amendment
 SMU American Constitution Society
Droppin' An Amicus Brief
 Rockwall County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference
Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List
 Dallas Bar Association Appellate Law Section
 State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course
 State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course
 State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course
Bernie: The True Story
 Denton County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference
Prosecutorial Misconduct
 State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course
History's Forgotten Freedom: The Petition Clause
 Wisconsin State Bar Bill of Rights Course
Effective Appellate Advocacy
 State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course
Drafting Contracts (and Everything Else) to Avoid Ambiguity
 State Bar of Texas Essentials of Business Law Course

2015

Prosecutorial Misconduct
 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
 State Bar of Texas Summer School Course
Obscenity: Is Anything Obscene Anymore?
 State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course
Crafting Effective Documents for E-Filing
 State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer Law Course
Tips on Writing a Persuasive Brief
 State Bar of Texas Practice Before the Texas Supreme Court Course
The Roberts Court and the Bill of Rights
 State Bar of Texas Government Law Boot Camp
Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List
 Office of the Texas Attorney General

Consumer Law Update

State Bar of Texas Webcast

Improving Legal Writing

Rockwall County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

2014

Appellate Practice from A to Z

State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course

The Roberts Court and the Bill of Rights

State Bar of Texas Suing and Defending Governmental Entities Course

Legal Writing: The Good, the Bad, and the Plain Ugly

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course

Legal Writing to Win

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Student Speech Rights

State Bar of Texas Litigating the Constitution Course

Perceptions of Opinions: I Know What We Said, But What Did You Think We Meant?

Texas Appellate Judges Conference

Persuading the Trial Judge

State Bar of Texas Advanced Trial Strategies Course

Improving Legal Writing

Wisconsin State Bar Ethics Course

Student Speech Rights

State Bar of Texas Litigating the Constitution Course

Bernie: The True Story

Rockwall County Bench Bar Conference

Writing Better Briefs

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Practice Course

Better Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Advanced Workers Compensation Course

Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas In-House Counsel Course

2013

U.S. Supreme Court Update

Dallas Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

State Bar of Texas State Bar College Summer School Course

Improving Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Practice Before the Supreme Court of Texas Course

Exceptional Oral Arguments

State Bar of Texas Webcast

Legal Writing: Lessons from the Bestseller List

State Bar of Texas Minority Counsel Program
State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course
State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course
State Bar of Texas Advanced Workers Compensation Course
State Bar of Texas Texas Bar College Summer School

2012

U.S. Supreme Court Update

State Bar of Texas Summer School Course
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Summary Judgments

State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course

The Drafting of the Constitution

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Appellate Advocacy

State Bar of Texas Handling Your First Consumer Law Course
State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course

Back to the Beginning: Marbury v. Madison and the Roots of Judicial Review

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course

Summary Judgments in Divorce

State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course

Readin' and Writin' Contracts in Plain English

State Bar of Texas In-House Counsel Course

Effective Motions

State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Trial Course

The Blue Book: Why It Matters and How It Has Changed

State Bar of Texas Texas Bar College Summer School Course

Drafting An Appellate Brief

Handling Your First Civil Appeal

Back to the Beginning: Marbury v. Madison and the Roots of Judicial Review

El Paso Bar Association Meeting

2011

Drafting an Appellate Brief

Handling Your First Civil Appeal

A Return to the Founders' Intent? The U.S. Supreme Court Reexamines the Petition Clause

State Bar of Texas Webcast

Drafting Judgments: How to Avoid Being the Next Defendant

State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer Law Course

Making Opinions Readable

Texas College for Judicial Studies (Appellate Track)

How to Stimulate Interest With Your Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Practice Before the Texas Supreme Court Course

Appellate Writing: Ethics and Mechanics

University of Texas Conference on State and Federal Appeals

Texas Family Law Goes to Washington: Rhine v. Deatons in the U.S. Supreme Court

Texas Association of Appellate Court Attorneys Annual CLE

Common Contracting

University of Texas Corporate Counsel Course

Effective Appellate Practice

State Bar of Texas Poverty Law Conference

The Roberts Court and the Bill of Rights

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

State Bar of Texas Summer School Course

State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course

Back to the Beginning: Marbury v. Madison and the Roots of Judicial Review

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State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Collin County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

2010

Do Students Still Have Any Speech Rights?: The Future of Tinker v. Des Moines

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State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Legal Writing on Appeal

National Summit of the Appellate Judges Education Institute

The Ethics of Legal Writing

Wisconsin Bar Association Corporate Counsel Institute

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Collin County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

Dallas Bar Association Bench Bar Conference

Fort Worth Inns of Court

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Texas Association of Appellate Court Attorneys Annual CLE

El Paso Bar Association

The Effect of Evolving Technology on Legal Writing

Houston Young Lawyers Association Law Day

Ex Parte Communications

State Bar of Texas Summer School Course

Survey Says!: Texas Judges on Legal Writing

State Bar of Texas Winning Before Trial Course

Effective Legal Writing Tips
State Bar of Texas Minority Attorney Program

2009

American Eugenics: Buck v. Bell and the Roots of the Right to Privacy
State Bar of Texas Webcast
Protecting Journalists' Sources: The New Texas Journalists' Shield Law
State Bar of Texas Webcast
Hey! You Can't Write that in English! Improving Legal Writing for In-House Counsel
University of Texas Law School Corporate Counsel Course
Litigating the Bill of Rights: Oral and Written Advocacy
State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course
Improving Legal Writing on Appeal
State Bar of Texas Appellate Nuts and Bolts Course
Effective Legal Writing Tips
State Bar of Texas Minority Attorney Program=
Oral Advocacy Isn't Just for Appellate Courts: Effective Motion Presentation in the Trial Court
State Bar of Texas Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course

2008

Improving Written Advocacy
National Association of Attorneys General, Consumer Protection Conference
Improving Legal Writing on Appeal
State Bar of Texas Advanced Civil Appellate Course
Appellate Advocacy: Effective and Practical Tips
State Bar of Texas State Bar College Summer School
It Ain't Legal and Worse Than That, By God, It Ain't Right: Why Almost Everything Family Law Attorneys Think They Know About Res Judicata is Wrong
State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course
America's Forgotten Freedom: The History, Meaning, and Significance of the First Amendment Petition Clause
State Bar of Texas Bill of Rights Course
State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting
Legal Writing in the Real World
State Bar of Texas Success Strategies for Young Lawyers Course
Hey! You Can't Write That in English! It's A Real Estate Instrument! Plain English in Real Estate Drafting
State Bar of Texas Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course
Dallas Bar Association Real Estate Roundtable
Ten Things NOT to Put in Contracts: Drafting Tips for Transactional Lawyers

State Bar of Texas Webcast
Effective Legal Writing Tips
State Bar of Texas Minority Attorney Program
Academy of International and American Law International Program

Representative Appellate Work

Presented more than 100 oral arguments in state and federal courts including Fifth, Seventh, and Eighth Circuits, the Texas courts of appeal for Tyler, Houston, Dallas, Amarillo, El Paso, Eastland, and Texarkana, and the Texas Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

United States Supreme Court:

Rhine v. Deatons (In the Interest of J.C.), 250 S.W.3d 486 (Tex. App. – Fort Worth 2008, pet. denied), *cert. denied*, 130 S.Ct. 357 (2010):

Due process and equal protection challenge to Texas statute governing right to counsel in parental-rights termination proceedings; first case in American history in which U.S. Supreme Court requested briefing from a state solicitor general before cert. decision.
Bell v. Itawamba Cnty. Sch. Bd., No. 15-666 (2015):

Wrote one of the most acclaimed briefs in American legal history representing what the New York Times called “a glittering array of hip hops stars.” One newspaper called it “the greatest amicus brief in Supreme Court history.”

Texas Supreme Court:

St. John Missionary Baptist Church v. Flakes, 595 S.W.3d 211 (Tex. 2020)

Case clarifying briefing-waiver rules in intermediate appellate courts.

In re Murrin Bros. 1885, Ltd., ___ S.W.3d ___ (Tex. 2019)

Case establishing disqualification standards in shareholder derivative actions.

McIntyre v. El Paso Indep. Sch. Dist., 499 S.W.3d 820 (Tex. 2016)

Case establishing non-applicability of administrative exhaustion requirements to home school students.

Staley Family Partnership v. Stiles, 483 S.W.3d 545 (Tex. 2016)

Case concerning requirements for historical easement to public roadway.

State Intermediate Courts:

Granbury Marina Hotel v. Berkel & Co. Constr., 473 S.W.3d 834 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2015, no pet.)

Obtained reversal of jury verdict in commercial construction case.

Highland Capital Mgmt., LP v. Looper Reed & McGraw, P.C., 2016 Tex. App. LEXIS 442 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2016, pet. denied)

Obtained affirmance of trial court’s order in favor of attorneys sued for conspiracy and for aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty.

Federal Circuit Courts:

Inclusive Communities Project, Inc. v. Lincoln Property Co., 930 F.3d 660 (5th Cir. 2019)

Case clarifying standard for disparate-impact claims under Fair Housing Act.

Virgil v. Dretke, 446 F.3d 598 (5th Cir. 2006)

Case concerning scope of Sixth Amendment right to effective assistance of counsel

Palmer v. Waxahachie ISD, 579 F.3d 502 (5th Cir. 2009)

Amicus work in case involving scope of student speech rights

Jones Construction Co. v. Hoot General Construction Co., 613 F.3d 778 (8th Cir. 2010)

Case concerning sufficiency of contract formation

Soignier v. Am. Bd. of Plastic Surgery, 92 F.3d 547 (7th Cir. 1996)

Case establishing rule for accrual under ADA

In re Velocita Worldwide Logistics, Inc., 608 F.3d 212 (5th Cir. 2010)

Case involving contribution among co-obligors under settlement agreement

Citations as Scholarly Authority

Scholarly works cited as authority in at least three published appellate opinions (*Metzler v. Rowell*, 547 S.E.2d 311 (Ga. Ct. App. 2001); *Browns Mill Dev't Co., Inc. v. Denton*, 543 S.E.2d 65 (Ga. Ct. App. 2001); and *City of Keller v. Hall*, 433 S.W.3d 708 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 2014, pet. denied) and in articles published by the Fordham Urban Law Journal, Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution, Seton Hall Journal of Sport Law, Journal of Law & Religion, Georgetown Immigration Law Journal, Denver University Sports and Entertainment Law Journal, Legal Writing, Chicago-Kent Journal of International & Comparative Law, Army Lawyer, Naval Law Review, The Review of Litigation, Cardozo Women's Law Review, St. Mary's Law Journal, Texas Journal of Women and the Law, The Ohio State Law Journal, and the SMU, Texas Tech, Syracuse, Loyola of Los Angeles, Arkansas, George Washington, McGeorge, Seton Hall, North Dakota, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Houston, and South Texas Law Reviews.