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EDUCATION

1996-1999 **Texas Wesleyan University School of Law**
Valedictorian
Law Review
Dean's List

1992-1996 **Texas A&M University**
Bioenvironmental Science, *cum laude*
GPA: In major 4.0
Cumulative 3.7

EXPERIENCE

Kelly, Durham & Pittard, LLP

Civil Appeals; Civil Litigation – Commercial and Personal Injury Litigation; Federal and State Courts; Trial Support and Legal Briefing; Federal Removal/Remand Practice.

December 2004 -
November 2010

Durham & Pittard, LLP

Civil Appeals; Civil Litigation – Commercial and Personal Injury Litigation; Federal and State Courts; Trial Support and Legal Briefing; Federal Removal/Remand Practice.

January 2003 -
August 2003

Honorable Ed Kinkeade

United States District Judge
Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division
Law Clerk

August 2000 -
January 2003

Waters & Kraus, LLP

Associate

Duties involved briefing and arguing before appellate and trial courts in multi-party toxic tort cases. Duties also included managing cases from inception through trial.

August 1999 -
August 2000

Justice John Ovard

Fifth District Court of Appeals at Dallas
Briefing Attorney

Fall 1998 **Honorable Charles Bleil**
United States Magistrate Judge
Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division
Extern

ACTIVITIES AND ADMISSIONS

2013 **Texas Bar Foundation**

2006, 2008-2013 **Texas Monthly Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star**

1992 – Present **Member of Tyler Street United Methodist Church**
Served on the Church Council, Trustees Committee, and Staff Parish Relations Committee, as well as chair of the Finance Committee.

2002 – Present **Tyler Street Manor - Home for Retired and Disabled Individuals**
Vice President of the Board of Directors

2002 – Present **Member of the Dallas Bar Association**
Co-chair of the Library Committee 2005

2004 – Present **Member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association**
Member of the Amicus Committee and the TTLA Advocates

2004 – Present **Member of the Dallas Trial Lawyers Association**

Admitted **United States Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Northern, Southern, and Eastern Districts of Texas and the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas.**

PRO BONO ACTIVITIES

Amicus Curiae Briefs for the Texas Trial Lawyers Association

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee v. American Home Assurance Co., 261 S.W.3d 24 (Tex. 2008)

McAteer v. Silverleaf Resorts Inc., 514 F.3d 411 (5th Cir.)

Other Pro Bono Cases - Regularly represent local churches and pastors in various matters including lease disputes, an adult adoption, wills, and probate.

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

MBR & Associates, Inc. v. Lile, No. 02-11-00431-CV (Tex. App.—Ft. Worth Oct. 4, 2012, n.p.h.).

Adams v. Staxxring, Inc., No. 05-10-01142-CV, 2011 WL 2641698 (Tex. App.—Dallas July 7, 2011, no pet. h.).

In re John Deere Co., No. 08-1076, 2009 WL 4877773 (Tex. Dec. 18, 2009) (orig. proceeding) (per curium)

City of Irving v. Seppy, Cause No. 05-09-00017-CV, 2009 WL 4042902 (Tex. App.—Dallas Nov. 23, 2009, n.p.h)

Pinnacle Anesthesia Consultants, P.A. v. Fisher, 309 S.W.3d 93 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2009, pet. denied)

UHS of Timberlaw, Inc. v. S.B., a Minor, No. 05-08-00222-CV, 2009 WL 445615 (Tex. App.—Dallas Feb. 24, 2009)

Lanphier v. Avis, 244 S.W.3d 596 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2008, pet. Dism'd by agr.)

Boulle v. Boulle, 254 S.W.3d 701 (Tex. App.—Dallas 2008, no pet.)

Lanphier v. Avis, 244 S.W.3d 596 (Tex. App.—Texarkana 2008, pet. dism'd)

Audino v. Raytheon Company Short Term Disability Plan, et al, 129 Fed. Appx. 882 (5th Cir. 2005)

Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc. v. Kwasnik, 109 S.W.3d 21 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2003) (orig. proceeding)