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LICENSE & MEMBERSHIPS

Attorney and Counselor at Law, Texas, 1987
Board Certified - Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization 2008 - present
State Bar of Texas & Family Law Section
Board of Directors, Family Law Section of San Antonio Bar Association, 2002 - 2010;
President, 2007-2008
Board of Directors, Family Law Bar Association – San Antonio, 2020 -
Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists – 2009 - present
Texas Family Law Foundation - Legislative Review Committee: 2009, 2011; 2013
San Antonio Family Lawyer's Association, Board of Directors 2011- 2012; President 2013-'14
College of the State Bar of Texas – 2012 - present

EDUCATION

J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 1987
B.A. in English (Writing) and Psychology, McMurry University, Abilene, TX 1984

HONORS/RECOGNITIONS

Texas Super Lawyers 2008 – present Family Law
San Antonio's Best Lawyers – Family Law, Scene in SA magazine 2007 – present
Texas Honorary Life Member, Harmony Hills Elementary PTA, 2010

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS (Author, Co-Author, Presenter)

Transitioning the Special Needs Child to Adulthood: From Navigating SSI to Special Needs Trusts, 45th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, 2019
Attorney General Special Collections Unit & the Mysteries Contained Therein, 44th Advanced Family Law Course, 2018
Child Support Collection/Liens: Creative Forms & Concepts, Advanced Family Law Drafting, 2017
When Your Good Deed Goes Bad – How Child Support for an Adult Child with a Disability Can Reduce SSI Benefits (and How to Fix It), State Bar Family Law Section Report, Fall 2016
Child Support Enforcement – It Only Takes One, 41st Advanced Family Law Course, 2015
All Things Enforcement, 41st Advanced Family Law Course Associate Judge's Workshop, 2015
Acknowledged contributor, *O'Connor's Family Law Handbook 2009; 2010* (Jones-McClure)
Essay featured in *Women Attorneys Speak Out!* by Judi Craig, Ph.D., MCC, (Thomson-West 2008)
Creative Ways to Collect & Defend Child Support Claims, 2009 Marriage Dissolution Institute (selected by Pro Bono Project of Texas Bar Family Law Section for distribution in *Family Law Essentials*)
Creative Ways to Collect & Enforce Child Support Claims, 2009 State Bar College Summer School (selected by Texas Bar CLE for rebroadcast as part of "Best of 2009" series)
Child Support Workshop (with Frederick Adams, David Farr & Hon. Marilea Lewis), 35th Advanced Family Law Course, 2009

Collecting Attorney's Fees in Visitation Enforcement Actions Family Law Bar Assoc., 2021
Secrets of Success from the Law Rockstars, #HOH Cancun Seminar & Retreat, 2018
Child Support Enforcement, Paralegal Division Annual Meeting, State Bar of Texas, 2016
UIFSA – Avoiding Road Bumps on the Interstate Highways Extreme Family Law Makeover XIV,
San Antonio Bar Assoc. 2016
Child Support (workshop presenter) Lawyer Forward 2016, Austin
Child Support & the Special Needs Child, 2012 State Bar College Summer School
Creative Ways to Set Child Support, 2011 State Bar College Summer School
Creative Ways to Enforce Child Support Claims, 2010 State Bar College Summer School
Judicial & Administrative Remedies for Enforcing Child Support, 2010 Texas Academy of Family
Law Specialists Trial Institute
Caution! Watch Out for Acronyms on the Interstate Case Highway, 2010 UT Parent-Child
Relationships: Critical Thinking for Critical Issues
Show Me the Money – Creative Child Support Remedies, 2009 Corpus Christi Bar Assoc. Family Law
Seminar
Dividing Assets with Fluctuating Values: Slicing the Pie on a SeeSaw Webcast, panelist, 2009, State
Bar of Texas
Money Matters, Extreme Family Law Makeover 2009, SA Bar Assoc. Family Law Section
Obtaining Child Support, 2009 UT Parent Child Relationships: Critical Thinking for Critical Issues
Unique Child Support Remedies Webcast, paper author and panelist, 2009, State Bar of Texas
Trial Treasures in Tampa, Trial Brief Author & planning committee, 2009, Texas Academy of
Family Law Specialists Trial Institute
Dealing with Children with Special Needs; 2008 Marriage Dissolution Institute
Setting & Collecting Child Support; 2007 State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting

Contributing Editor, *How to Do Your Own Divorce in Texas*, Nolo Press-Occidental, 1993-2001

State Bar Pro Bono Law Project Speaker: 9/2005 Eagle Pass; 6/2007 Kerrville; 9/2007 Big Spring,
9/2010, Kingsville; 8/2012 Corpus Christi

SELECTED SIGNIFICANT CASES

Granado v. Meza, 398 S.W.3d 193 (Tex. 2013) [clerical error by Attorney General does not relieve obligor of child support obligation]

In Re M.C.C., 142 S.W.3d 504 (Tex. 2006) [legislative amendments to statutes apply prospectively; interest rate on child support is rate in effect at time obligation accrued until 1/1/2002, thereafter 6% simple interest on all balances not reduced to money judgment]

Holmes v. Williams, 355 S.W.3d 215 (Tex. App. – Houston [1st Dist.] 2011, no pet.) [child support lien 157.323 can be used to establish arrears when court loses jurisdiction under 157.005 to enter cumulative money judgment]

In the Interest of S.C.S. 48 S.W.3d 831 (Tex. App.–Houston [14th Dist.] 2001) pet. denied *per curiam, sub. nom. Sprouse v. Sprouse*, 92 S.W.3d 502 (Tex. 2002) [time periods for securing child support judgments are jurisdictional – legislature may extend time for a remedy]

In the Interest of D.T., No. 12-05-00420-CV, 2007 WL 4465250 (Tex. App.– Tyler 2007, no pet.) [child support lien reaches community property retirement of new spouse when lien was perfected before divorce and new spouse does not raise evidence of his/her interest]

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

DisABILITYsa.com, Chair for Purse -sue Ability Fundraiser, 2022

Fiesta Especial (fiestaespecial.com) – Guardian for King (2021) and Duke (2019) Carter Shute-Leadership Program for the special needs community

Band Parents Association of Winston Churchill HS Vice President – Corporate Fundraising 2016-2018

First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, Godly Play Teacher 2005-2019; JOY Ministry; Shawl Ministry (Circle 5); Deacon on Rotation

Eisenhower MS PTA, Executive Board, 2011-2014

Harmony Hills Elementary PTA, San Antonio, 3rd VP, 2010-2011

Autism Society of Greater San Antonio, Board Member, volunteer General Counsel 2005 - 2008

GOLD Youth Leadership Foundation (Giving Opportunities for Leadership Development), Program Chair 2003, Board of Directors, 2003- 2006, general counsel to non-profit corporation

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership, West Texas Leadership Seminar, leadership training program for high school sophomores: Senior Staff, 1992-2002; Corporate Board 1994-2002; President of Board 1994-1999