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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Gus G. Tamborello, P.C. (Nov. 1993 - present)

Probate, guardianship, trusts, and related litigation, administration of estates, mediation, and estate planning. Martindale Rating: AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5.0

Miller, Bristow & Brown

(subsequently Brown, Campbell, Harrison & Wright) (Nov. 1990 - Nov. 1993)

Associate attorney handling and assisting in various areas of litigation including employment, insurance, deceptive trade practices, negligence, personal injury, commercial, and probate.

Gilpin, Maynard, Parsons, Pohl & Bennett (Aug. 1987- Nov. 1990)

Associate attorney handling and assisting in various areas of litigation, including product liability, personal injury, negligence, and commercial.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Houston Law Center- Adjunct Professor of Law

Evidence (2007-2008)

Trusts & Wills (2014-present)

EDUCATION

University of Houston Law Center (1987 graduate)

- Magna cum laude (top (3) three percent of the class)
- Order of the Coif
- Order of the Barons
- Associate editor, *Houston Law Review* (1985-87)
- Chief Justice, Honor Court (1986-87)
- Distinguished Service Award (1987)
- Author, "Blood of the Workman," 23 *Houston Law Review* 945, reprinted in the *Worker's Compensation Law Review* and *National Insurance Law Review*. Winner of the Texas Trial Lawyers' Association Writing Award.

University of St. Thomas (B.A., English 1983)

- Summa Cum Laude

University of Notre Dame (1979-1981)

- Dean's List

HONORS

Super Lawyers Texas- Estate Planning & Probate (2016, 2017, 2018)
Texas' Top Rated Lawyers (2012)
H Texas Magazine-Top Lawyers in Houston (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)
H Texas Magazine-A Top Lawyer for the People in Trusts and Estates (March 2007)

Martindale Rating: AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5.0

CERTIFICATIONS

A. A. White Dispute Resolution Institute/University of Houston Law Center

- Certificate of Mediation (1999)

State Bar of Texas Guardianship Ad Litem Certification (current)

ORGANIZATIONS

Member, State Bar of Texas

Member, College of the State Bar of Texas

Member, Houston Bar Association

Council Member, Houston Bar Association Probate, Trusts, & Estates Section (current)

Past President, Disability and Elder Law Attorney's Association

STATE BAR ACTIVITIES

Planning Committee, State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 9, 2014

Planning Committee, State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 9, 2015

Program Director, State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 21, 2016

Planning Committee, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 22-24, 2016

Planning Committee, State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 7-9, 2017

ARTICLES, SPEECHES, AND PUBLICATIONS

A. *Law Review, Journal and Reporter Publications*

"Blood of the Workman," 23 *Houston Law Review* 945, reprinted in the *Worker's Compensation Law Review* and *National Insurance Law Review*. [Winner of the Texas Trial Lawyers' Association Writing Award]

"Creditor Claims In Independent and Dependent Administrations in Texas—Beware of the Trap Doors!", *The Advocate*, State Bar Litigation Report, Vol. 48, Fall 2009

"Top Ten Perils for Probate Executors and Administrators", *The Houston Lawyer*, Volume 51 Number 3, November/December 2013

"Creditor Claims in Estate and Guardianship Administrations", 7 *Est. Plan. & Community Prop. L. J.* 499 (2015)

"The Rights and Duties of Homesteaders, Life Tenants and Remaindermen", *The REPTL Reporter*, (Real Estate, Probate, & Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas), Volume 55, No. 1, page 46 (2016)

"A House Divided": The Rights and Duties of Homesteaders, Life Tenants, & Remaindermen, 9 *Est. Plan. & Community Prop. L. J.* 29 (2016-2017)

"In Terrorem Clauses: Are They Still Terrifying?", 10 *Est. Plan. & Community Prop. L. J.* 63 (2017)

B. *Continuing Legal Education Courses*

"In Terrorem Clauses: Should You Be Terrified?"(author and presenter), Disability and Elder Law Attorney Association, Houston, Texas July 16, 2001

"Probate Litigation" (author and presenter), HMS Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Houston, Texas, October 5, 2001

"Creditor Claims Procedures in Decedent's Estates and Guardianship Proceedings" (co-author and presenter), Houston Bar Association 2002 Wills and Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, February 1, 2002

"Ad Litem Representation Including Contested Matters" (author and presenter), State Bar of Texas 26th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, Dallas, Texas, June 5-7, 2002

"Creditor Claims" (co-author and presenter), South Texas College of Law Wills & Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, September 12-13, 2002

“A Summary of Texas Law on the Enforceability of No Contest Clauses” (author and presenter), Houston Bar Association, Probate, Trusts & Estates Section, Houston, Texas, April 29, 2003

“In Terrorem Clauses: Should You Be Terrified? A Summary of Texas Law on the Enforceability of No Contest Clauses”(author and presenter), South Texas College of Law Wills & Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, September 11-12, 2003

“Non Probate Assets” (co-author and presenter), South Texas College of Law Wills & Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, September 9-10, 2004

“Take it or Leave It”: Enforceability of ‘No Contest’ Clauses in Texas” (author and presenter), Attorneys In Tax & Probate, Houston, Texas, December 7, 2004

“Role of the Ad Litem in Guardianship” (author and presenter), South Texas College of Law Wills and Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, Houston, Texas, September 15-16, 2005

“Duties of the Ad Litem in Guardianship” (author and presenter), Houston Bar Association Guardianship Certification Course, Houston, Texas, Friday, January 27, 2006

“If You Kill Your Honey, Don’t Expect the Money: the Rights of a Killer to Share in His Victim’s Estate” (author and presenter), Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association (DELAA), Houston, Texas, April 24, 2006

“Texas Guardianship Law 101” (co-author and presenter), University of Houston Law Foundation Wills and Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, May 11, 2006, Dallas, Texas May 19, 2006

“Evidentiary Issues in Probate and Guardianship” (author and presenter), Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association (DELAA), Houston, Texas, April 16, 2007

“Dead Man Talking: An Update on the Dead Man’s Rule and Other Evidentiary Issues” (author and presenter), South Texas College of Law Wills and Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, September 6-7, 2007

“Take it or Leave It”: Enforceability of ‘No Contest’ Clauses in Texas” (author and presenter), Houston Bar Association, Houston, Texas, August 15, 2008

“Creditor Claims in Independent and Dependent Administrations” (author and presenter), South Texas College of Law Wills and Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, September 18-19, 2008

“Creditor Claims in Independent and Dependent Administrations”(author and presenter), Attorneys In Tax & Probate, Houston, Texas, April 7, 2009

“Modifying Guardianships and Restoring Wards” (author and presenter), Guardian and Ad Litem Certification Course, South Texas College of Law, September 23, 2009

“Creditor Claims In Independent and Dependent Administrations in Texas–Beware of the Trap Doors” (author and presenter), American Association of Attorney-Certified Public Accountants, October 23, 2009

“Duties of the Ad Litem in Guardianship Cases” (author), Texas Guardianship Association Fall Conference, Waco, Texas, November 19-20, 2009

“Duties of the Ad Litem in Guardianship Cases” (author and presenter), Houston Bar Association, 2010 Guardianship Ad Litem in Probate Court & Elder Law Institute, Houston, Texas, January 28-29, 2010

“Selected Evidentiary Issues in Probate and Guardianship Cases” (author and presenter), Houston Bar Association, 2010 Wills & Probate Institute, Houston, Texas, February 19, 2010

“Selected Evidentiary Issues in Probate and Guardianship Cases” (author and presenter), Attorneys In Tax & Probate, Houston, Texas, May 4, 2010

“Breach of Fiduciary Duty” (presenter), Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association, Houston, Texas, May 18, 2010

“Duties of Attorney and Guardian Ad Litem” (author and presenter), Guardian and Ad Litem Certification Course, South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, September 22, 2010

“Modifying Guardianships and Restoring Wards” (author and presenter), Guardian and Ad Litem Certification Course, South Texas College of Law, September 22, 2010

“A Musical Journey Through Creditor Claims” (author and presenter), Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law, September 23, 2010

“Identifying Incapacity” (co-author and presenter), Guardian and Attorney Ad Litem Certification Course, South Texas College of Law, September 21, 2011

“What Were They Thinking? A Study of Holographic Wills” (author and presenter), Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law, September 22, 2011

“Creditor Claims in Independent and Dependent Administrations” (author and presenter), Houston Bar Association Probate, Trusts and Estates Section Meeting, January 31, 2012

“The Writing’s On the Wall. A Study of Holographic Wills”(author and presenter), Harris County Probate Court Number Four, April 10, 2012

“Momma Told Me I Could Have That! Settlement Agreements in Probate, Trust & Guardianship Cases” (author and presenter), Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law, September 20, 2012

“Creditor Claims in Independent and Dependent Administrations” (author and presenter), Attorneys In Tax & Probate, Houston, Texas, May 7, 2013

“Creditor Claims in Independent and Dependent Administrations” (author and presenter), State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 25, 2013

“Creditor Claims in Independent and Dependent Administrations” (author and presenter), Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law, September 20, 2013

“Top Ten Perils for Probate Executors and Administrators” (author and presenter), State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 9, 2014

“The Client is Incapacitated-What Do You Do Next?, (co-presenter) State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 11, 2014

“Alternatives to Guardianship” (author and presenter), South Texas College of Law Guardian and Attorney Ad Litem Certification Course, September 17, 2014

“Modification and Restoration of Guardianships” (author), South Texas College of Law Guardian and Attorney Ad Litem Certification Course, September 17, 2014

“Closing of Estates: Music to My Ears” (co-author and co-presenter), State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 9, 2015

“Attorneys Serving as Fiduciaries & Guardians” (author and co-presenter), State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, June 12, 2015

“When The Ward Wants to Contest” (author and presenter), Houston Bar Association, Guardian Ad Litem Institute in Probate Court, July 24, 2015

“Alternatives to Guardianship” (author and presenter), Houston Bar Association, September 11, 2015

“Closing of Estates: Music to My Ears” (co-author and presenter), Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association, Houston, Texas, September 17, 2015

“Contested Guardianships” (author and presenter), Galveston Bar Association, Galveston, Texas, September 18, 2015

“Alternatives to Guardianship” (author and presenter), Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Houston, Texas, March 4, 2016

“Extraordinary Remedies in Probate & Guardianship Cases”(author and presenter), Houston Bar Association, Probate, Trusts & Estates Section, Houston, Texas, March 28, 2016

Harris County Probate Judges Panel (moderator), Houston Bar Association, Probate, Trusts & Estates Section, Houston, Texas, April 26, 2016

“Creditor Claims in Estate and Guardianship Administrations” (author and presenter), Brown Bag Lunch Series, Montgomery County Court at Law #2, Conroe, Texas, June 17, 2016

State Bar of Texas Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course (program director and moderator), San Antonio, Texas, June 21, 2016

“A House Divided”: The Rights and Duties of Homesteaders, Life Tenants & Remaindermen (author and presenter), State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, San Antonio, Texas, June 22, 2016

“Overview of the Law of Wills and Proper Execution Procedure,” (presenter and author), Mexican American Bar Association of Houston, Houston, Texas, August 8, 2016.

“Creditor Claims in Estate and Guardianship Administrations” (author), University of Texas CLE 18th Annual Estate Planning, Guardianship and Elder Law Conference Galveston, Texas, August 11, 2016.

“Creditor Claims In Independent and Dependent Estate Administrations & Guardianships” (author and presenter), Tarrant County Probate Bar Association, 2016 Probate Litigation Seminar, Texas A & M University School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas, September 30, 2016

“The Rights and Duties of Homesteaders, Life Tenants, Remaindermen, and Co-Tenants” (author and presenter), Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal CLE & Expo, Lubbock, Texas, March 3, 2017

“The Rights and Duties of Homesteaders, Life Tenants, Remaindermen, and Co-Tenants” (author and presenter), Attorney in Tax & Probate, Houston, Texas April 4, 2017

“Creditor Claims in Guardianships” (author and presenter), State Bar of Texas, Advanced Guardianship Law 2017, Houston, Texas, April 7, 2017

“Alternatives to Guardianship” (author and presenter), American Association of Attorney-CPA's, Houston, Texas April 21, 2017

“In Terrorem Clauses: Are They Still Terrifying?” (author and presenter), State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course, Houston, Texas, June 9, 2017

“Ten Pesky Probate Problems” (author and presenter), University of Texas School of Law Estate Planning, Guardianship, and Elder Law Conference, Galveston, Texas, August 3, 2017

“Creditor Claims in Independent and Dependent Estate Administrations and Guardianships” (author and presenter), Tarrant County Probate Bar Association, Nuts and Bolts Seminar, Fort Worth, Texas, September 15, 2017

“Ten Pesky Probate Problems” (author and presenter), Harris County Probate Court Number 4, Continuing Legal Education Presentation, Harris County Courthouse, Houston, Texas, September 26, 2017

“Panel Discussion on Issues Affecting Ad Litem” (panelist), Galveston Bar Association, Ad Litem Seminar, Galveston, Texas, October 6, 2017

“When the Ward Wants to Contest” (author and presenter), Galveston Bar Association, Ad Litem Seminar, Galveston, Texas, October 6, 2017

C. Community Affairs

“Death and Dying”(lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, October 4, 2008

“Discussion on End of Life Issues”(panelist), St. Anne Catholic Community, Houston, Texas, October 27, 2008

“Wills and Estates”(lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, April 4, 2009.

“Death and Dying”(lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, October 3, 2009

“Wills and Estates”(lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, April 3, 2010

“Wills & Estates”(lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, April 2, 2011

“Wills & Estates” (lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, October 1, 2011

“Wills & Estates” (lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, April 7, 2012

“Wills and Estates” (lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, September 29, 2012

Houston Bar Association Voir Dire Program (lecturer), Harris County Probate Court Number 4, Houston, Texas, November 1, 2012

“Wills and Estates” (lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, April 6, 2013

“Wills (Death & Dying)” (lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, April 5, 2014

“Wills and Estates” (lecturer), The People’s Law School, University of Houston Law Center, October 4, 2014

“Documents You Cannot Live (or Die) Without” (lecturer), End of Life Series, St. Theresa Catholic Church, Houston, Texas, March 16, 2016

D. Radio Appearances

“Ethical and Legal Dilemmas of Keeping Someone on Life Support” (radio guest), *Houston Matters*, KUHF FM 88.7 [Houston Public Media], Houston, Texas, January 12, 2016

Discussion of Wills and Probate Issues (radio guest), KREH 900 AM [Radio Saigon], Houston, Texas, March 17, 2016

Discussion of Probate, Property, and Guardianship Issues (radio guest), KREH 900 AM [Radio Saigon], Houston, Texas, March 16, 2017