

**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Associate Director of Blakely Advocacy Institute skills training and advocacy programs. Organize nationwide advocacy competitions, including drafting problem sets and other written materials, recruiting judges and coordinating competition logistics. Counsel students on academics and future employment issues. Coach inter-scholastic advocacy teams. Faculty advisor to law student advocacy organization. Supervise work-study interns. As adjunct professor, teach skills class each semester in pretrial litigation.

Previous experience as trial attorney specializing in general civil and commercial litigation. Acted as first-chair or second-chair counsel in numerous federal, district and county court cases and arbitrations. Prepared jury charges, pretrial motions, voir dire, direct and cross examinations, expert witnesses. Appeared for firms at hearings, pretrial conferences and mediations. Drafted pleadings, discovery, correspondence and legal memoranda. Interviewed and counseled clients. Conducted and defended depositions.

Excellent writer, editor, motivator and team builder. Strong management capabilities and interpersonal skills.

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**SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Praised for “excellent grasp of complex issues” (Judge Caroline Baker)
  - Selected as a Texas Rising Star in 2008
  - Complimented by two different opposing counsel for professionalism in negligence case and for skillful handling of expert witness in public nuisance case (Dow Golub Remels & Beverly, LLP)
  - As solo counsel, won county court trial with complex issues relating to attempted redemption of real property sold at foreclosure (Dow Golub Remels & Beverly, LLP)
  - Commended for outstanding summary judgment briefing by general counsel of statewide rental housing association (Law Office of Brian P. Cweren)
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**EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

<b>Associate Director</b> , Blakely Advocacy Institute, University of Houston Law Center; Houston, Texas.	February 2013 – present
<b>Senior Associate</b> , Nistico, Crouch & Kessler, P.C.; Houston, Texas.	May 2010 – September 2012
<b>Contract Attorney</b> , Law Office of Brian P. Cweren; Houston, Texas.	February 2010 – May 2010
<b>Associate</b> , Dow Golub Remels & Beverly, LLP; Houston, Texas.	February 2005 – January 2010
<b>Associate</b> , Sankey & Luck, LLP; Houston, Texas.	January 2002 – January 2005
<b>Law Clerk</b> , Dunn, Kacal, Adams, Pappas & Law; Houston, Texas.	August 2000 – April 2001
<b>Appellate Court Intern</b> , Chief Justice Michael Schneider and Justice Margaret Mirabal, 1 <sup>st</sup> Court of Appeals; Houston, Texas.	January 2000 – May 2000
<b>District Court Intern</b> , Judge Caroline Baker and Judge Harvey Brown, 151 <sup>st</sup> and 152 <sup>nd</sup> District Courts; Houston, Texas.	Summers 1999 – 2000

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**EDUCATION**

<b>University of Houston Law Center</b> , Houston, Texas. Juris Doctorate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member, UHLC Mock Trial Team</li><li>• Semi-finalist, Hippard Mock Trial Competition, Open Division</li></ul>	May 2001
<b>Davidson College</b> , Davidson, North Carolina. B.A. in English.	May 1995
<b>University of Edinburgh</b> , Edinburgh, Scotland. Junior Year Abroad.	1993 – 1994