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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I am a legal writer, researcher, editor, teacher, and mentor with two decades of experience. I understand what it takes to be a persuasive advocate on paper and in court, and I am knowledgeable about a broad range of substantive and procedural legal areas. Additionally, I host and edit a legal podcast covering emerging legal topics and am a proven leader in bar service and legal education.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Legal Writing • Legal Research • Editing • Civil Procedure • Federal Courts • Women & Law
Mentoring • Employment Law • Trials • Hearings • Podcasting • Team Building • Management

EDUCATION

University of Houston Law Center

Houston, Texas

Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.), Cum Laude

May 2006

Activities: Chief Articles Editor, *Houston Law Review*
Justice, Honor Court

Mediation Clinic, Mediation Competition, Advocates, Student Bar Ass'n,
Thomas More Society, Phi Alpha Delta Honor Society

Honors: Neel & Hooper P.C. Promising Student in Employment Law Award

Baker Botts Award for Best Paper in Employment Law

State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Section Law Review Article
Award

Outstanding Student, Phi Alpha Delta Honor Society

Semi-Finalist, John Black Moot Court

Mediator Certification

January 2006

A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center 40-Hour Basic Mediator Training

University of Houston

Houston, Texas

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, 4.0

May 1998

Dean's List and National Dean's List

Golden Key National Honor Society

Research Assistant for Texas Independent Multi-Ethnic Sibling Study/Team Leader for
Neighborhood Assessment Portion of Study

ADMISSIONS

Texas (2006) / S.D. Tex. (2008) / W.D. Tex (2026) / U.S. Supreme Court (2025)

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Houston Law Center

Assistant Clinical Professor, June 2026 to Present

Houston, Texas

Hicks Thomas LLP

Senior Counsel, October 2025–July 2026

Houston, Texas

Of Counsel, July 2026 to Present (part-time)

- Represent a variety of clients, including corporations and individuals, in complex legal matters.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE (cont.)

University of Houston Law Center

Adjunct Professor, June 2008–August 2026 (Summers Only)

Houston, Texas

- Mentor and teach students serving as judicial interns during the summer terms. From June 2008 through August 2012, I taught a two-hour in-person class once a week in the summers. The program has since been restructured, and I currently serve as a supervisor and mentor to my students.

The Honorable Gray H. Miller, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas

Career Law Clerk, June 2013–September 2025

Houston, Texas

Term Clerk, August 2010–June 2013

- Review and analyze legal memoranda in cases that are being litigated in federal district court and prepare the first draft of court opinions that resolve dispositive and pretrial issues. I have written the first draft of hundreds of legal opinions involving almost every area of the law, including but not limited to employment, criminal, torts, ethics, and contractual issues. Thirty-seven of these opinions have been published in the *Federal Supplement*.
- Provide advice to the Judge regarding legal issues throughout the life cycle of his cases, including when dispositive motions are filed, when parties need the court's assistance with discovery disputes, and during jury and bench trials.
- Mentor and train law clerks, and train, mentor, and supervise interns. I have mentored and trained 19 co-clerks and mentored, trained, and supervised over 100 interns in this role.

Baker Botts L.L.P.

Litigation Associate, September 2007–July 2010

Houston, Texas

- Represented clients in a variety of litigation matters, primarily focusing on employment law and pharmaceutical cases.
- Provided pro bono representation in immigration, family law, and criminal matters.
- Drafted court and discovery documents, interviewed witnesses, and corresponded with clients and opposing counsel.
- Served as first-chair prosecutor for the City of Houston in over 20 trials via the Volunteer Prosecutor program at the Houston Municipal Courts.

The Honorable Samuel B. Kent, U.S. District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas

Term Law Clerk, September 2006–August 2007

Galveston, Texas

- Reviewed and analyzed dispositive motions, drafted orders, prepared for hearings and trial, and managed a sizable docket.

Federal Aviation Administration Houston En Route Air Traffic Control Center

Air Traffic Controller, June 1989–March 1998

Houston, Texas

- Ensured the safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of air traffic in the S.W. Region of the United States.
- Specialized in airspace spanning from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Mobile, Alabama.
- Trained new controllers how to effectively and efficiently control air traffic.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court Federal Court Employee Professionalism Award (2026).
- Houston Bar Association (HBA) President's Award (2026).
- Texas DAR Celebrating Women Essay Contest, Overall State Winner, Category Winner in the South Central Division, and Honorable Mention at the National Level (2025).
- Houston Young Lawyers Association Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award (2022).
- University of Houston Law Center Alumni Ass'n Public/Non-Profit Sector Achievement Award (2021).
- Houston Bar Association President's Award (2021).
- University of Houston Law Center Alumni Association Rising Star Award (2016).
- HBA Ambassador, First Ambassador Class (2013–2015).
- American Bar Foundation Fellow (2024–Present).
- Texas Bar Fellow (2014–Present) (Life Fellow), Nominating Committee (2018–2020, 2024).
- Houston Bar Fellow (2020–Present).
- Texas Bar College (2023–Present).
- Best Feature/General Interest Series of Articles Award from State Bar of Texas (2017–2018).

SELECT BAR SERVICE

Federal Bar Association

Federal Lawyer Editorial Board (2022–Present): Associate Editor (2026); Senior Proof Editor (2025), Columns Editor (2024), Articles Editor (2023), Proof Editor (2022).

Litigation Section Board of Directors (2026).

Federal Bar Association, Southern District of Texas Chapter

President (Present), President-Elect (2025), VP (2024), Secretary (2023), Social Media and Website (Present), Programming Committee (2021–2025), Blask Foundation Scholarship Committee (2020–2025).

State Bar of Texas

Texas Bar Journal Editorial Board (2022–Present); Vice Chair (2025–2027).

Women in Law Section, State Bar Conference CLE Planning Board (2022–2023); Member (2021–Present).

Houston Bar Association

Chair or Co-Chair: Law Library Committee (2010–2011), Gender Fairness Committee (2014–2015 & 2024–2026), Communities in Schools Committee (2022–2024, 2025–2026), Minority Opportunities in the Legal Profession (now ABC) Committee (2015–2016); Women in Law Section (2026–2027).

The Houston Lawyer Editorial Board (2015–Present): Editor in Chief (2020–2021), Associate Editor (2017–2020, 2021–Present), Podcast Editor (2021–Present).

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

Vice Chair, Texas DAR Public Relations Committee (2024–2027); Vice Chair, Texas DAR Social Media Committee (2024–2027); Vice President, Dogwood Regent Council (2026–2027); Vice President, Texas DAR Regents' Club (2025–2026); Regent, Lady Houston Chapter (2024–2026).

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS (cont.)

Atascocita High School Theatre Boosters

President (2018–2019); Vice President (2017–2018).

Atascocita High School Band Boosters

President (2015–2017); Secretary (2013–2015); Concessions Mgr. (2007–2016).

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

Troop Leader, Troop 9493 (2009–2018), Co-Leader, Troop 9249 (2017–2019).

PUBLICATIONS

- **Academic Articles**

[*Comment: Shopping for a Collective Voice: 1.6 Million Women Speak Up in *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.**](#), 42 HOUS. LAW REV. 837 (2005).

[*From Legally Blonde to Miss Congeniality: The Femininity Conundrum*](#), 13 CARDOZO J.L. & GENDER 1 (2006).

Reconsidering Glass Ceilings and the Meaning of Success, 45 WOMEN'S RTS. L. REP. 1 (Fall 2023) (available on various legal databases).

- **Law Journal Articles and Columns**

[*Committee Promotes Gender Fairness*](#), HOUS. LAW., July/Aug. 2013, at 38 (with Courtney Ervin).

[*Mentoring at 515 Rusk*](#), HOUS. LAW., Sep./Oct. 2016, at 16–17.

[*Mentoring Through Communities in Schools*](#), HOUS. LAW., Sep./Oct. 2016, at 24–25.

[*Lawyers Leading in Education: Three Lawyers Giving Back*](#), HOUS. LAW., May/June 2017, at 17–19.

[*Working Moms Making It Work*](#), HOUS. LAW., Mar./Apr. 2018, at 34–36.

[*HBA Sections: Learning, Leading, and Liaising Since 1976*](#), HOUS. LAW., Nov./Dec. 2018, at 10–18.

[*Editorial: Houston, We Still Have a Problem*](#), HOUS. LAW., July/Aug. 2020, at 8.

[*HBA Office Responds to COVID-19 Challenges*](#), HOUS. LAW., July/Aug. 2020, at 39.

[*Editorial: Justice and Equality for All: This Is Not Controversial*](#), HOUS. LAW., Sep./Oct. 2020, at 8.

[*Bringing the Bar Back to the Community: Habitat for Humanity*](#), HOUS. LAW., Sep./Oct. 2020, at 39.

[*Editorial: Making an Impact*](#), HOUS. LAW., Nov./Dec. 2020, at 8.

[*150 Years: Lawyers Who Shaped Houston's Legal Legacy*](#), HOUS. LAW., Nov./Dec. 2020, at 10.

[*150 Years: Celebrating the Backbone of the HBA*](#), HOUS. LAW., Nov./Dec. 2020, at 30.

[*Editorial: Dispute Resolution During a Pandemic: Somehow the World Keeps Turning*](#), HOUS. LAW., Jan./Feb. 2021, at 8.

[*The Singapore Mediation Convention: A Welcome International Undertaking*](#), HOUS. LAW., Jan./Feb. 2021, at 15–16 (with Anuj Shah).

[*Editorial: Preserving Our Fortunes*](#), HOUS. LAW., Mar./Apr. 2021, at 8.

[*Editorial: A Transformative Year: Finding Your Voice*](#), HOUS. LAW., May/June 2021, at 8.

[*Casting Your Vote from Outer Space*](#), HOUS. LAW., Nov./Dec. 2021, at 32.

[*Making the World a Better Place, One Girl Scout at a Time*](#), HOUS. LAW., Jan./Feb. 2022, at 46.

PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

- **Law Journal Articles and Columns (cont.)**

[*The Value of Service to the Local Bar: Spotlights on HBA Leaders from the Judiciary*](#), HOUS. LAW., Mar./Apr. 2022, at 10–13.

[*Covering Dobbs*](#), HOUS. LAW., Nov./Dec. 2022, at 14 (Note: This was just an introduction explaining the case and did not present any viewpoint on the substance of the case).

[*University of Houston Law Center's Focus on Wellness Creates a Supportive Learning Environment*](#), HOUS. LAW., Jan./Feb. 2023, at 14-15.

[*At Sidebar: Finding the Route to Post-Pandemic Attorney Wellness Through Service*](#), FED. LAW., Winter 2023, at 8–10.

[*The Dual Purpose of Legal Clinics at the Local Law Schools: Providing Expertise to Future Houston Lawyers and Serving Our Community*](#), HOUS. LAW., Mar./Apr. 2023, at 16.

[*Painting the City with Justice: Downtown Murals Reflect UN's Sustainable Development Goals*](#), HOUS. LAW., Nov./Dec. 2023, at 22 (with Kristen Lee).

[*Book Review: The Majority* by Elizabeth L. Silver](#), FED. LAW., Winter 2024, at 95.

[*Judicial Clerkships: Shaping Future Lawyers and Leaders*](#), HOUS. LAW., Mar./Apr. 2024, at 24 (an introduction to a series of articles).

[*HBA Communities in Schools Committee: Celebrating Fifteen Years with New Initiatives*](#), HOUS. LAW., Mar./Apr. 2024, at 42.

[*Southern District of Texas Co-Sponsors Clerkship Boot Camp with Young Lawyers*](#), FED. LAW., Spring 2024, at 72.

[*The Religious Accommodation Claim in Groff v. DeJoy: Arguing to Change the Standard*](#), HOUS. LAW., May/June 2024, at 17 (introduction to and transcript of a podcast interview I conducted).

[*Hope for the Lost and Forgotten: Houston's Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity Court*](#), HOUS. LAW., July/Aug. 2024, at 24.

[*Looking Forward and Looking Back: The Impact of a Quarter of a Century*](#), HOUS. LAW., Jan./Feb. 2025, at 26 (with Anietie Akpan).

[*Book Review: Law Moms: The Balancing Act, It's Not Just for Moms*](#), HOUS. LAW., Jul./Aug. 2025, at 39.

[*Finding Strength in Our Differences: A Roundtable Discussion About Generational Dynamics in the Profession*](#), TEX. B.J., Oct. 2025 (with Britney Harrison).

[*Veteran Spotlight: Amy Abbott: From Combat Camera to Courtroom*](#), HOUS. LAW., Nov./Dec. 2025, at 32.

[*Southern District of Texas Hosts Two-Day Law Clerk Training Event*](#), FED. LAW., Winter 2026, at 63.

[*Reconsidering Glass Ceilings and the Meaning of Success \(Condensed\)*](#), HOUS. LAW., Mar./Apr. 2026, at 14.

PODCASTS

Behind the Lines: The Houston Lawyer Podcast ("BTL") Houston, Texas
Host, Interviewer, and Editor (April 2021 (guest host), October 2021 to Present)

The BTL podcast complements the Houston Bar Association's The Houston Lawyer magazine, and I am the host. I am primarily responsible for planning episodes, finding guests, conducting interviews, editing the podcast, and applying for CLE credit. I also write, read, record, and edit the introduction, conclusion, transitions, and promotional videos, and I conduct the majority of the interviews.

PODCASTS (cont.)

- [*Energy and the Environment: Winter Storm Uri, Cryptocurrency, and EVs*](#) (Apr. 21, 2021).
- [*Professionalism: Yesterday, Today, and Always*](#) (Oct. 26, 2021).
- [*Space Law: Exploring Treaties, Trends, and Other Extraterrestrial Topics in an Emerging Field of Law*](#) (Dec. 27, 2021).
- [*Women in Law: How Women Lawyers Support Other Women in the Community, Law School, and the Profession*](#) (Feb. 28, 2022).
- [*Section Spotlight: The Law Practice Management Section's Best of ABA Techshow 2022 Presentation*](#) (Apr. 5, 2022).
- [*The Bench Bar Relationship: Judicial Service Inside and Outside of the Courtroom*](#) (May 2, 2022).
- [*Evolving Legal Landscape: In the Room Where It Happens*](#) (June 29, 2022).
- [*New Bar Year, New Goals: Elevating Civility and Encouraging Wellness*](#) (Aug. 31, 2022).
- [*Sports and Entertainment Law: Combining Your Practice with Your Passion*](#) (Oct. 31, 2022).
- [*Lawyers: Making the Most of Your Parenting Years While Maintaining a Successful Legal Practice / Legal Employers: Retaining Happy and Healthy Parent Lawyers*](#) (Dec. 19, 2022).
- [*Wellness, Mental Health, and the Law*](#) (Mar. 7, 2023).
- [*Criminal Law: The Different Faces of Justice*](#) (Apr. 20, 2023).
- [*We WON'T See You in Court: Hot Topics in Transactional and Other Non-Litigation Law*](#) (June 26, 2023).
- [*Client-Centered Approach: Pathway to In-House, Protecting Your Client's Data, and Privilege Concerns*](#) (Aug. 28, 2023).
- [*Employment Law 2023: "There Is Nothing Permanent Except Change"*](#) (Oct. 19, 2023).
- [*Celebrating Sixty Years of The Houston Lawyer Magazine*](#) (Dec. 19, 2023).
- [*Celebrating Black History Month and Our Diverse Legal Community: History, Allyship, Legal Education, and Change*](#) (Feb. 27, 2024).
- [*The Bench-Bar Relationship: Going the Extra Mile*](#) (Apr. 25, 2024).
- [*Houston May 16 Storm: Tips for Businesses and Homeowners*](#) (May 23, 2024).
- [*A Bright Constellation of Rights: Views from Houston on Freedom of Speech, Bearing Arms, Search and Seizure, and Jury Trials*](#) (June 12, 2024).
- [*Nobody Puts These Lawyers in a Corner \(of the World\): Out-of-the-Box Places and Ways to Practice Law*](#) (Aug. 15, 2024).
- [*"Taking Care of Business": The Business of Law*](#) (Oct. 24, 2024).
- [*The Most Wonderful Time of the Year to Give Back: Houston Pro Bono Spotlights and Opportunities*](#) (Dec. 17, 2024).
- [*Innovation and Expectations: Looking Towards the Future*](#) (Feb. 17, 2025).
- [*Cyber Law: The Digital Age and the Practice of Law*](#) (Apr. 25, 2025).
- [*Hot Topics in Immigration Law: Summer 2025*](#) (June 24, 2025).
- [*People, Service and Collaboration: Making an Impact on Houston Industries and the Community*](#) (Aug. 28, 2025).
- [*Still Taking Care of Business: The Business of Law One Year Later*](#) (Oct. 28, 2025).
- [*It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Divorce \(and Other Family Law Topics\): Trends in Family Law for Family Lawyers, Pro Bono Attorneys, and Self-Represented Litigants*](#) (Dec. 19, 2025).
- [*Glory Days: Juveniles and the Law*](#) (Feb. 25, 2026).
- [*Run the World \(of Law\): Women, Work, and What's Next*](#) (Apr. 29, 2026).

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- Moderator, Meet the Federal Bench, FBA (June 2026).
- Moderator and Panelist, Reimagining the Road to a Rewarding Career, HBA/FBA/AWA (March 2026).
- Panelist, Finding Strength in Our Differences: Generational Dynamics in our Profession, Dallas Area Paralegal Association (February 2026).
- Moderator, Networking Panel and Practice, HBA (October 2025).
- Interviewer, Meet the New Bankruptcy Judge, FBA (December 2024).
- Moderator, The Federal Sentencing Guidelines, FBA (October 2023).
- Welcome Address, U.S. Naturalization Ceremony (February 2020).
- Moderator, Minority Opportunities Luncheon Panel Discussion, HBA (June 2015).
- Panelist, Practicing in Harris County, New Licensee Institute, HBA (January 2012).
- Presentation, Email and Internet Use at the Workplace, United Way Workshop (2009).