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**Work Experience**

University of Houston Law Center (1995-present):  
Clinical Education Director: June 2008-present  
Clinical Professor: September 2019-present  
Associate Clinical Professor: August 2000-August 2019  
Supervising Attorney/Instructor of Law: August 1995-August 2000  
Mediation Clinic Instructor: Summer 2009 – (Certified Mediator)

Classes taught: Civil Practice Clinic, Domestic Violence Doctrinal Class, Immigration and Family Law Doctrinal Class, Domestic Violence Law WRC (writing) course

Law Offices of Nguyen Phi Loc, P.C. (Associate) (November 1994-June 1995)  
Amoco Production Company (Geophysicist) (August 1981-April 1989)

**Education**

1994 JD, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas  
1994 MBA, University of Houston, Houston, Texas  
1981 B.S., Geology, Summa Cum Laude, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

**Licenses**

State Bar of Texas  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

**Membership & Professional Activities**

State Bar of Texas  
American Bar Association  
Houston Bar Association member  
American Association of Petroleum Geologists  
Texas State Bar College  
Houston Burta Rhoads Raburn Family Law affiliate of the American Inns of Court - member

**University and Other Service and Committee Work – selected work**

Advocacy and Skills Program Committee 2009-2010  
UH Faculty Senate (2012-present)  
UH Faculty Affairs Committee (2012- December 2014; January 2019-present)  
UH Faculty Governance Committee (January 2015-December 2018)  
2015-2016 Law Center Committees: Executive Committee (ex-officio member), Appointments- Entry Level - Clinical and Clinical-LSS, Clinical Promotion & Long term Status Committee, Facilities, Curriculum Committee  
2016-2017 Law Center Committees: Appointments – Entry Level – Clinical (& Library Director), Clinical Long Term Status, Curriculum, and Facilities  
2017-2018 Law Center Committees: Appointments – Clinical Promotion, Tenure, and CEA Committee (Law Center) – 2019-present  
UHLC Pipeline Program – applicant interviewer (2015-2019)  
AALS Clinical Section – Newsletter co-editor (beginning Fall 2018)  
AALS Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities Section – Executive Committee; At-Large member (2018, 2019, 2020); Awards Committee (2018).  
Houston Volunteer Lawyers – Saturday Legal Advice Clinics and Will-a-Thon volunteer  
Boy Scouts of America – Archery I Instructor, Merit Badge Counselor

Girl Scouts – San Jacinto Council – Archery I Instructor, Training Management Team Member, Girl Scout Level and Administrative Facilitator/trainer, Canoe trained volunteer, events volunteer

### **Briefcase Radio**

March 2018 – *Avoiding Probate*  
October 2018 – *Transfer on Death Deeds*  
December 2018 - *Common Law Marriage*  
January 2020 – *Domestic Violence and Landlord/Tenant Law*

### **Awards**

*National Center for Missing and Exploited Children* – Award of Merit – Nov 2004  
*Girl Scout Thanks Badge* - 2011  
*Lonestar Legal Aid* – Dec 2014 - The Civil Practice Clinic was recognized as a Pro Bono Law Firm Partner for the clinic's work with Lonestar Legal Aid  
*Lonestar Legal Aid* – 2015 - Most Litigated Pro Bono Cases Award: part of the ABA National Day of Service  
*Boy Scout Texas Skies District* - Award of Merit 2015 presented January 2016  
*Lonestar Legal Aid* - Community Partner Pro Bono Award – Oct 2017 (Civil and Imm Clinics)  
*2019 Ethel M. Baker Faculty Award* for leadership in promoting greater interaction between the school and the community

### **Selected Presentations and Outside Teaching**

*Images UH Radio Program* hosted by Dr. Robert Musburger – discussion of UHLC Civil Clinic work – aired December 31, 2000.  
Family Law on the Front Lines Conference: *Dealing With ProSe Opponents and Freelance Clients* (April 26&27, 2001; Sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law)  
Family Law on the Front Lines Conference: *Habeas Corpus and Writs of Attachment* (April 11&12, 2002; Sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law)  
Looking Over the Rim: New Horizons for Families, Courts and Communities: *Helping ProSe Litigants Help Themselves* (June 5-8, 2002; Sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts)  
Family Law Essentials for \$2000 or Free: *Handling a Custody Case on a Shoestring* (October 29, 2004: Alpine, Texas; sponsored by the State Bar of Texas)  
Family Law on the Front Lines Conference: *Discovery on a Shoestring* (June 30-July 1, 2005; Sponsored by the University of Texas School of Law)  
Rocky Mountain Regional Clinical Conference: *Panel: Collaboration Among Clinics* (October 21-22, 2005; Hosted by Texas Tech University School of Law)  
National Institute for Trial Advocacy: *Trial Skills for Juvenile and Family Courts*, Faculty, (February 24-25, 2006; sponsored by the University of Houston Law Center Blakely Advocacy Institute, Houston, Texas)  
Transition Workgroup for Families of Children with Disabilities: *Guardianship*, Presenter (July 20, 2006, Shriner's Hospital, Houston, Texas)  
Advanced Family Law Conference: *Immigrant Issues Affecting Children in Foster Care*, (August 14-17, 2006, sponsored by the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas; with Anne Chandler)  
Special Immigrant Juvenile Law Symposium: *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status: Direct Path to Legal Permanent Residency for Abused, Neglected, or Abandoned Children*, (April 27, 2007, hosted by the University of Houston Law Center; speaker with Anne Chandler)  
Child Abduction Prevention Initiative: Attorney Training, *Family Law Enforcement – Habeas Corpus and Right to Possession* (November 19, 2008; sponsored by Houston Young Lawyers Association)  
Lane Elementary: Aldine School District: Parent training: *Guardianships and Related Issues for the Disabled*, March 24, 2009.  
AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education: Clients, Complexity and Collaboration in a Cross-disciplinary Lens: *Small Group Leader*: May 6-9, 2009  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts; Texas Chapter Conference: Intervention for Family conflict with Unmarried Parents: What are the Policy, Legal and Societal Implications? : *Legislative Update* (speaker) (October 23-24, 2009)  
Poverty Law Conference: “*Advanced Topics in SIJ Visas: State Court Proceedings*” (April 14-16, 2010: panel speaker)  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Relatives as Parents Conference: “*Preparing: What if Something Happens to Me?*”, (February 18, 2012, Sponsored by The Relatives As Parents Coalition)  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Strengthening Conference: Grandparent Raising Grandchildren: “*Who will be in Charge When I Can No Longer Be the Caregiver*”: April 28, 2012  
ABA Law Student Division 2012-2013 Client Counseling Competition (Regional held at UH Law Center, Houston, Texas 02/16/2013)-Final Round Judge  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Relatives as Parents Conference: “*Preparing: What if Something Happens to Me?*”, (February 23, 2013, Sponsored by The Relatives As Parents Coalition)

Texas Poverty Law Conference: “*Drugs, Diapers, and Danger: Drug Use and Its Effect on Custody*” (Austin, Texas, April 3-5, 2013, with Barbara Stalder)

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Regional Training Conference: “*Drugs, Denial, and Danger: Parental Addiction to Prescription Drugs*” (Kansas City, Mo; November 7-9, 2013, with Barbara Stalder)

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Relatives as Parents Conference: “*Preparing: What if Something Happens to Me?*” (February 22, 2014, Sponsored by The Relatives As Parents Coalition)

Texas Poverty Law Conference: “*Virtual Visitation: Communication Outside the Box*” (Austin, Texas, April 23-25, 2014, with Barbara Stalder)

Domestic Violence Victims and Other Vulnerable Populations: UH Law Center, November 14, 2014 (and March 19, 2015), Speaker: “*Best Practices when Representing Domestic Violence Victims*” (with Barbara Stalder) and “*Immigration Panel on Domestic Violence and Immigration*” (panel member – family law).

Texas Poverty Law Conference: “*Childhood Trauma in High-Conflict Families – Be a Part of the Solution not the Problem*” (Austin, Texas, April 29-May1, 2015, with Barbara Stalder).

Practicing Family Law CLE: “*Termination and Adoption*” (University of Houston Law Center, May 1, 2015; also planned CLE topics, obtained speakers, and co-facilitated the CLE with Barbara Stalder; logistics by Robert Johnson).

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education: *Maintaining the Gold Standard: Preserving Live-Client Clinics in the New Normal: Concurrent Session Panel Member:* May 4-7, 2015.

AALS-Midyear Meeting: *Workshop on Family Law, Shifting Foundations: Family Law’s Response to Changing Families: Concurrent Session Panel Member:* Resources for Family Law Teaching and Practice: Teaching - June 22-24, 2015.

Lane School: Aldine ISD: Parent training: *Guardianship*, November 12, 2015.

Texas Poverty Law Conference speaker: “*The Other Faces of Domestic Violence – the Road Less Traveled and Understood*” (with Barbara Stalder) (Austin, Texas, April 27-April 29, 2016).

International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference panel speaker: “*Families in Flux and Shifting Legal Rights*” (with Tasha Willis) (Moran, Wyoming, May 22-24, 2016).

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, Modern Families: New Challenges, New Solutions panel speaker: “*New Challenges and Solutions in Drafting Mediated Settlement Agreements in Light of the Texas Supreme Court Opinion in “In Re Le”*”(with Tasha Willis and Ann Webb (UH School of Social Work))(Seattle, Washington, June 1-4, 2016).

Children’s Immigration Law Academy Pro Bono Amicus training speaker: “*The Role of the Amicus*” (Houston, Texas September 30, 2016).

Texas Poverty Law Conference speaker: “*Probate from A-Z – An Overview* (with Diane McManus – UHLC and Camille Van Kote – UHLC 3L student) (Austin, Texas, April 12-14, 2017).

World Conference of Family Law and Children’s Rights speaker: “*More than a Stand-In: Surrogacy and the Complexity of Baby by Proxy*” (with Tasha Willis) (Dublin, Ireland, June 4-7, 2017).

World Conference of Family Law and Children’s Rights poster presenter: “*Hague Convention – International Custody Mediations*” (with Tasha Willis) (Dublin, Ireland, June 4-7, 2017).

Western Regional Legal Writing Conference – “*Connecting the Dots*” (with Lauren Simpson)(Seattle, Washington – August 25-26, 2017)

Lane School: Aldine ISD: Parent training: *Guardianship*, April 2018.

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education: *Gathering Momentum: Learning from the Past, Responding to the Now, Planning for the Future;* Working Group Leader – Family Law (met 4 times during the conference): April 29-May 2, 2018.

New Life Enrichment Center: Wills and other estate planning outreach for seniors, June 2018.

2018 Supreme Court Update speaker - “*Azar v Garza*” (UHLC, July 23, 2018).

Lane School: Aldine ISD: Parent training: *Guardianship*, October 2018.

AALS-Southern Clinical Conference: *Communication, Stereotypes, and Alliances: Overcoming the Divisions that Affect the Client’s Story* (with Tasha Willis and Ann Webb (UH Graduate School of Social Work) (University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC – October 19-20, 2018).

UHLC CLE panel speaker: “*Handling Your First or Next Adoption Case: Overview, Resources, and Ethical Considerations,*” (UHLC, December 14, 2018)

AALS-Annual Meeting 2019: Family and Juvenile Law Section: Alternative Approaches to Teaching Family Law Panel: *Teaching Family Law by Weaving Together Traditional Family Law Topics, Practical Skills, and other Legal Areas Affected by Family Law.*

AALS – Annual Meeting 2019: Pro-Bono & Public Service Opportunities, Co-Sponsored by Leadership: *Encouraging and Empowering the Next Generation of Public Interest and Pro Bono Leaders* – small group facilitator as part of this panel.

UHLC CLE Co-Director for CLE: “*Domestic Violence: Handling Fragile Issues Within Your Busy Legal Practice*” and panel member: “*DV Overview: Safety Planning/Landlord Tenant/Animal Law/Compassion Fatigue*”: (UHLC October 24, 2019).

CILA (Children’s Immigration Law Academy) and–Harris County Attorney’s Office: panel speaker: “*How to Be a Pro Bono Ad Litem*” at their “Unaccompanied Children Immigration CLE” (STCL, November 8, 2019).