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Experience

- Licensed Texas attorney practicing for over 38 years.
- Board Certified in Civil Trial law since 1992.
- Primarily handling civil litigation in Texas state and federal courts involving real estate disputes, title insurance defense, bankruptcy litigation.
- Active appellate practice, having handled many cases in the courts of appeals in Texas, Texas Supreme Court, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Former, Adjunct Professor of Texas Pre-Trial Procedure and Trials and Appeals at Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Education

- Texas Wesleyan University, Bachelor of Science (B.S.), 1978.
- Texas Tech School of Law, Juris Doctor (J.D.) 1980.

Professional Memberships

- State Bar of Texas.
 - Appellate Section, Co-Chair - Oral History Committee.
- Licensed in all federal district courts, bankruptcy courts in Texas, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and United States Supreme Court.
- Member, Dallas County Bar Association.
- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association.

- Past President of Tarrant County Bankruptcy Bar Association.
- Member, American Bar Association.
 - Torts and Insurance Section.
 - Past Ass. Ed., The Procurement Lawyer
- Member, Texas Land Title Association.
 - Legislative Committee Member.
 - Frequent contributor of articles.

Recognition

- The Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas (2014).
- Certificate of Appreciation, Texas Wesleyan School of Law Clinic (2011).
- Outstanding Attorney, West Texas Legal Services (1990).
- Practitioner of the Year, West Texas Legal Services (1986).
- AV Preeminent peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell.

Community

- Navy Commander (Retired), recalled during Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bronze Star for service in Baghdad, Iraq in 2007 – 2008.

Successes

Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

- *In re Erickson*, 2014 WL 1679131 (5th Cir. April 29, 2014)(court affirmed validity of home equity lien and right to conduct a judicial foreclosure).
- *Aaes v. 4G Companies*, 13-20290, 2014 WL 968546 (5th Cir. Mar. 13, 2014)(court affirmed Rule 8 and 12(b)(6) motions to dismiss).
- *Brookman v Secretary of Veterans Affairs*, No. 96-10074 (5th Cir. 1996)(court affirmed summary judgment granting bona fide purchaser status of Secretary of Veterans Affairs as insured under title insurance policy).

Texas Supreme Court

- *In re Valliance Bank*, 422 S. W. 3d 729 (Tex. App. — Fort Worth 2013, mandamus denied, Feb. 14, 2014)(en banc order granting dismissal case improperly reinstated).

- *Liberty Enterprises, Inc. v. Moore Transp. Co., Inc.*, 690 S.W.2d 570 (Tex. 1985)(affirmed default judgment against non-resident defendant and denied special appearance).

Texas Court of Appeals

- *Straily v. Lawyers Title Ins. Corp.*, 2011 WL 6742505 (Tex. App.—Tyler 2011, pet. denied)(affirmed summary judgment over coverage of title insurance policy).
- *Crossland v. Berry*, 2010 WL 5020501 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2010, no pet.)(court reverses summary judgment against an insured’s breach of warranty claim).
- *The Shelton Group v Ronald Schmidt and Christina Schmidt*, No. 02-01-000111-CV (Tex. App. – Fort Worth 2001, no pet.)(reversals of trial court reduction of attorney fee award).
- *Trinity Western Title Company, Inc. v Glenn D. Thompson and James E. Phillips*, No. 2-99-199-CV (Tex. App. – Fort Worth 2000, no pet.)(reversal of trial court reduction of attorney fee award).
- *Cadle Co. v. Harvey*, 46 S.W.3d 282 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 2001, pet. denied)(court granted legal fees in defending a declaratory judgment suit involving a lien that did not attach to homestead property).
- *Skelton v Washington Mut. Bank, F.A.*, 61 S.W. 3d 56 (Tex. App. – Amarillo 2001, no pet.)(affirmed judgment granting judicial foreclosure of lien in probate court against homestead against decedent’s estate with signature of one spouse).
- *Stewart v. Ogletree*, 2-99-311-CV, 2000 WL 36707751, at *1 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth Mar. 16, 2000, no pet.)(court affirms legal fee award against adverse possession claimant filed without standing).
- *Chicago Title Ins. Co. v. Alford*, 3 S.W.3d 164 (Tex. App.—Eastland 1999, pet. denied)(obtained reversal and rendering of judgment against title insurance company for breach of contract and tort claims that were outside the terms of the title policy of insurance).

- *Kane v Traver*, No. 02-99-00144-CV (Tex. App. – Fort Worth 1999, no pet.)(reversal of summary judgment based on no deficiency rule).
- *Wallace v Tucker*, No. 04-98-00601-CV (Tex. App.—San Antonio 1998, no pet.)(reverse declaratory judgment claim attacking a valid judgment).
- *Pletcher v Goetz*, 9 S.W. 3d 442 (Tex. App. – Fort Worth 1999, pet denied)(reversal of legal fee award in modification proceeding).
- *Hirabayashi v. N. Main Bar-B-Q, Inc.*, 977 S.W.2d 704 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 1998, pet. denied)(obtained affirmance of summary judgment motion granting no liability for accident that occurred off premises).
- *Dayco Corp. v. Sherman*, 2-92-229-CV, 1994 WL 17100832, at *1 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 1994)(reverse/remand based on statute of limitations and insufficient evidence of damages).
- *Booth v. Malkan*, 858 S.W.2d 641 (Tex. App.—Fort Worth 1993, writ denied)(court sustains legal fee award based on suit filed ten years after transaction and barred by four year statute of limitations).
- *Darrah v Hinds*, 720 S.W. 2d 689 (Tex. App. – Fort worth 1986, writ ref'd n.r.e.)(obtained affirmance of summary judgment involving claims of libel and slander against a bank involving an affidavit for writ of sequestration).