

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

University of Houston
Master of Laws, Health Law, 1996

South Texas College of Law
Juris Doctor, 1992

University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
Bachelor of Science, Medical Technology, 1978

Lamar University
Bachelor of Science, Biology, 1977

EXPERIENCE:

South Texas College of Law
Associate Clinical Professor (2003-present)
Director of Instruction (January 2007-present)

Created, explored and instrumental in the restructuring of the STCL On-Site General Civil Clinic to the Direct Representation Legal Clinics representing an array of six various clinics in estate planning, guardianship, probate, family law, and community education; offered variously day and evening sections, spring, summer, fall semesters; experimental offerings Fall 2007 through Fall 2008; permanent course offerings as of Spring 2009.

Created, developed, and taught winter intersession estate planning skills course involving direct client representation; experimental offering January 2008; permanent course offering as of January 2009.

Assistant Clinical Professor (1997-2003)

Director of On-Site Legal Clinics (1997- December 2006)

Involved in the restructuring of the STCL on-site legal clinics from the Disability Clinic and HIV Clinic to the General Civil Clinic; experimental Spring 2000 through Fall 2000; permanent offering Spring 2001. Management oversight of legal clinic staff consisting of receptionist, paralegals, and staff attorneys; oversight of physical plant and equipment; responsible for grant reporting to funding entities; ensured maintenance of professional insurance and IOLTA trust account; ensured timely case evaluation, acceptance, file maintenance, and case oversight; pursued the acquisition of equipment for electronic file scanning and storage; initiated development of policies for file destruction and disaster plan for the legal clinic.

COURSES:

Direct Representation Legal Clinics:

Family Law: Basic Clinic

Family Law: Advanced Clinic

Guardianship Clinic

Probate: Post-death Property Transfer Clinic

Estate Planning Clinic

Simulated Skills Courses:

Client Interviewing & Counseling

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & HONORS:

Bar Memberships: Admitted Texas (1992); authorized to practice Federal Court (Southern District of Texas).

Professional Memberships: American Association of American Law Schools; State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section; and Houston Bar Association. In the recent past, member of National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives and Clinical Legal Education Section of AALS.

Honors: *H-Magazine*, October 2008; voted as one of Houston's top family lawyers.

PRO BONO & SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

In the Matter of 440 Children, pending case involving Texas' largest removal of children by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services; received local, regional, state and national media attention. See, "Lawyers: 'Billable Hours for the Soul' in Texas", Associated Press, April 15, 2008; "Lawyers Fight to be Heard in Texas Polygamists' Child Removal Cases", John Council, *Texas Lawyer*, April 18, 2008; "Sect

Hearings are a Logistical Scramble”, Jenny Jarvie, *Los Angeles Times*, April 20, 2008; “Representing Sect’s Youth Proves a Complicated Task”, Mary Flood, *Houston Chronicle*, April 24, 2008, “Houston Lawyers Fight for Polygamist Children”, Mary Benton, May 19, 2008; Multiple media interviews on Channels 2, 11, 13, and Fox 26.

Service as a court appointed attorney ad litem, guardian ad litem, or amicus attorney in numerous cases from the various Harris County Family District Courts.

Family & Juvenile Task Force, South Texas College of Law (2007)

Access to Justice & Public Service Committee (2006-07, 2007-08)

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS:

Various small group presentations at Houston area public schools to educate the parents of special needs children on a variety of topics in areas of Social Security disability, guardianship, parentage, and support (2006)

Family Law Issues, Star of Hope Womens’ Shelter (2004)

Guardianships & Advanced Directives, EduCare Community bi-annual parent meeting (Mar. 2003)

The Ethics of Law Students, South Texas College of Law Symposium (2003)

Social Security, Alternative Family Law Seminar, South Texas College of Law (Sept. 2002).

Pro Bono Roundtable, Joint HBA & HVLP project (2001)

Social Security Disability Law, Houston Bar Association, Morning Seminar (2001)

Social Security Disability, STCL/TAMU TV program “Law Talk” (Apr. 2000)

Social Security Disability, Multiple Sclerosis Seminar (1999 & 2000)

Social Security and HIV, HBA/HVLP AIDS Return to Work Seminar (1999)

PUBLICATIONS:

The Ethos and Pathos of Ethics and Law Students: A Clinician’s Perspective, 45 S. Tex. L. Rev. 843 (Fall, 2004). Cited by: Oseid, Julie A., *Take Me Out to the Ball Game: Using the Seventh-Inning Stretch to Teach Law Students*, North Dakota Law Review, Vol. 82, p. 465 (2006); Julie A. Oseid, *It Happened to Me: Sharing Personal Value Dilemmas to Teach Professionalism and Ethics*. 12 Legal Writing: J. Legal Writing Inst. 105 (2006); M. Neil Browne, Carrie L. Williamson, & Linda L. Barkacs, *The Purported Rigidity of an Attorney’s Personality: Can Legal Ethics be Acquired?*, 30 J. Legal Prof. 55 (2006); J.P. Ogilvy with Karen Czapanskiy, *Part Three: Synopses of Articles, Essays, Books, and Book Chapters*, 12 Clinical L. Rev. 101 (Fall 2005).