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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:**

Associate Professor of Clinical Legal Studies, South Texas College of Law Houston  
(2003-present)

Director of Instruction, South Texas College of Law (2007-2008)

Director of On-Site Legal Clinics, South Texas College of Law (1997-2006)

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 course offering spring 2001. Management oversight of legal clinic staff consisting of receptionist, paralegals, and staff attorneys; oversight of off-site clinic physical plant and equipment; interface with various administrative staff at the main school building; responsible for grant reporting to funding entities; ensured maintenance of professional insurance and IOLTA trust account compliance; ensured timely case evaluation, active case acceptance procedures, file maintenance, and case oversight; pursued acquisition of equipment for electronic file scanning and storage; initiated development of clinic policies for file close out, file destruction, and disaster plan for the legal clinic.

Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Studies, South Texas College of Law (1997-2003)

Staff Attorney, On-Site Legal Clinics, South Texas College of Law (1992-1997)

## **COURSES:**

Current Direct Representation Legal Clinics:           Family Law Advanced  
Estate Planning

Current Simulated Skills Courses:   Client Interviewing & Counseling

Historical courses taught:   Social Security Disability clinic, HIV clinic,  
Family Law Basic clinic, Guardianship clinic,  
Probate clinic, Family Law Advanced clinic,  
and Estate Planning clinic.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & HONORS:**

**Bar Membership:**                   State Bar of Texas, admitted 1992

**Professional Memberships:**   State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section  
State Bar of Texas, Real Estate, Probate, Trust Law Section  
American Association of Law Schools  
AALS, Clinical Legal Education Section  
Houston Bar Association

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

## **PRO BONO & SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

Legal service as court-appointed Amicus Attorney for children in numerous cases in the various Harris County Family District courts (2006-present).

Volunteered to serve as a pro bono attorney ad litem for a child in the west Texas case of *In the Matter of 440 Children*. One of Texas' largest cases involving the removal of children by the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services from a polygamist sect (2008).

Performed multiple media interviews on Houston Public Media radio, Channel 2 News, Channel 11 News, Channel 13 News and morning show, and Fox 26 News. See also, *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.

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

Service on the Access to Justice & Public Service Committee, South Texas College of Law (2006-present).

## **LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS:**

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

Outreach and presentation in family law issues at Star of Hope Womens' Shelter (2004).

Presentations on guardianship and advanced directives at EduCare Community bi-annual parent meeting (March, 2003).

Presentation at *The Ethics of Law Students*, South Texas College of Law Symposium (2003).

Presentation on Social Security, *Alternative Family Law Seminar*, South Texas College of Law (September, 2002).

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

Presentation on *Social Security Disability Law*, Houston Bar Association, Morning Seminar (2001).

Panelist on *Social Security Disability*, STCL/TAMU TV program "Law Talk" (April, 2000).

Speaker on *Social Security Disability*, Multiple Sclerosis Seminar at Methodist Hospital (1999 and 2000).

Presentation on *Return to Work* at Social Security and HIV, HBA/HVLP AIDS 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).