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EDUCATION

B.A. – Baylor University (1991)
J.D. – Baylor University (1995)

EMPLOYMENT

Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC—2023-present
Law Office of Cindy V. Tisdale, PLLC—2003-2023
Lynch, Chappell & Alsup, P.C., Midland, Texas, Of Counsel—2019-present
Reed & Tisdale, Waco, Texas—1999-2003
Dunnam & Dunnam, Waco, Texas—1997-1999
McLennan County District Attorney's Office—Assistant District Attorney 1995-1997

SERVICE TO THE BAR

President of the State Bar of Texas, 2023-2024
Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Board Member, 2025-
Council for the Women and the Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, 2025-
Board of Disciplinary Appeals, member, appointed by the Texas Supreme Court 2020-2022
Chair of the Board of Directors for the State Bar of Texas, 2013-2014
State Bar of Texas Board of Directors, District 14 Representative, 2011-2014
State Bar of Texas Executive Committee, 2012-2015
Chair of the Texas Bar Foundation, 2017-2018
Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees, 2015-2019
Chair to the Council for the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas 2017-18
Council for the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas, 2008-2018
Pattern Jury Charge, Family Law Committee Member, 2019-
Pattern Jury Charge, Family Law Committee Vice Chair, 2020-
Co-Chair State Bar Workgroup on Texas Lawyer Needs Arising From the 2020
Pandemic and 2021 Winter Storm
Co-Course Director, Advanced Family Law Course – August 2011
Course Director, Trying Your First (Or Next) Divorce – January 18, 2013
Co-Course Director, the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists Trial Institute,
January 2015
Co-Course Director, New Frontiers in Marital Property Law, October 2015
Co-Course Director, Annual Meeting for the State Bar of Texas, June 2016
Legal Services to the Poor in Civil Matters – Committee Member 2012-2013

Supreme Court Task Force for the Delivery of Legal Services to the Poor – Committee Member 2012-2013
State Bar of Texas Affordable Legal Services – Committee Chair 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

Member, American Board of Trial Advocates, 2017-present
Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 2003-present
Fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 2014-present
Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 2010-present
Texas Super Lawyer, 2019-2022
James C. Watson Inn of Former Officers and Directors, Member
Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, Board of Directors, 2012-present
Executive Committee for the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists 2017-present
Texas Bar Foundation, Sustaining Life Fellow
Presidential Citation from Allan DuBois, President of the State Bar of Texas
Presidential Citation from Trey Appfel, President of the State Bar of Texas
Recipient of the Standing Ovation Award for Outstanding Volunteer for 2013, from the Texas Bar CLE
College of the State Bar of Texas, Member
State Bar of Texas Family Law Section, Member
Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, Member
Hood County Attorney of the Year Award 2004 and 2007
Hood County Bar Association, Member
Children's Advocacy Center of Hood and Somervell County – President 2011-2012, Board of Directors

LECTURES/PUBLICATIONS

“Third Party Discovery,” Marriage Dissolution Institute, Fort Worth, TX April 2009
Moderator, Family Law Essentials, Stephenville, TX July 2009 (Lecture Only)
“Maximizing Results at Mediation,” Family Law Essentials, Victoria, TX October 2009 (Lecture Only)
“Electronic Evidence: How to Avoid Getting Shocked,” Ultimate Trial Notebook, San Antonio, TX December 2009 (Voted one of the Best for 2009 CLE)
“Advocating and Defending Unusual Child Support Requests,” Family Law On The Front Lines, San Antonio, TX July 2010
“Collecting Child Support,” Advanced Family Law 2010, San Antonio, TX August 2010
“Discovery and Drafting in the Computer Age”, Advanced Family Law Drafting Course, Houston, TX, December, 2010
Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists Trial Institute, Panelist, Las Vegas, NV, Feb. 2011 (Lecture Only)
“Admissibility of Electronic Communication in Family Law,” Texas College for Judicial Studies, Austin, TX April 15, 2011
“Closing the File,” Family Law Drafting, Dallas, TX, December 2011
“The Top 10 SAPCR Cases You Need To Know,” Advanced Family Law, Houston, TX August 2012.
“The Trial Notebook,” Trying Your First Jury Trial, Austin, TX, December 2012.
Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists Trial Institute, Panelist, Colorado Springs, CO, February 2013 (Lecture Only)

“Enforcement and Clarification Proceedings Under Chapter 9,” Marriage Dissolution Institute, Galveston, TX, April 2013

“Unusual Motions,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX, August 2013

“Unusual Possession Schedules,” Advanced Family Law Drafting, Dallas, TX, December 2013

“Using Form Discovery,” Marriage Dissolution, Austin, TX, April 2014

“Family Law Update,” Solo and Small Practitioner’s CLE, Galveston, TX, September 2014

“Family Law Update,” Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association CLE, Fort Worth, TX, November 2014

“Family Law Update,” Essentials for General Practitioners, San Antonio, TX, December 2014

“Family Law Update,” Essentials for General Practitioners, Lubbock, TX January 2015

“Family Law Update,” Essentials for General Practitioners, Sugarland, TX March 2015

“Property Update,” Marriage Dissolution, Dallas, TX, April 2015

“Property Update,” State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX June 2015

“Direct and Cross Examination of Collateral Witnesses,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX, August 2015

“Drafting Documents to Close the File,” Advanced Family Law Drafting, Dallas, December 2015.

“Drug Testing,” Marriage Dissolution, Galveston, April 2016

“Getting It In and Keeping It Out,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX, August 2016

“Dr. Strangelaw: Or How I Stopped Fighting and Learned to Love Collaborative Law,” Abner V. McCall Inn of Court, October 2016 (Lecture Only)

“Family Law Update,” Solo and Small Practitioner CLE, Fredericksburg, TX, April 2017

“Courtroom Evidence and Demonstration,” Marriage Dissolution, Austin, TX April 2017

“Legislative Update,” Texas Bar College Summer School, Galveston, TX July 2017

“Valuation Demonstration,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX August 2017

“Managing Your Law Practice,” Mastering Your Practice: Family Law & Estate Planning and Probate, Horseshoe Bay, TX September 2017 (Lecture Only)

“The Art of Case Analysis,” Mastering Your Practice: Family Law & Estate Planning and Probate, Horseshoe Bay, TX September 2017 (Lecture Only)

“Closing the File: Are We There Yet?” Advanced Family Law Drafting, Fort Worth, TX December 2017

“Getting Information to Value a Business,” Marriage Dissolution Institute, Dallas, TX April 2018.

“Family Law Basics: From the Beginning to the End,” Texas Bar College 20th Annual Summer School, Galveston, TX July 2018.

“Exposing Confirmatory Bias: The Example of Sexual Abuse Allegations,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX August 2018.

“Unusual Possession Schedules” and “Closing the File,” Texas Association of Paralegal Specialists, Addison, TX September 2018.

“Preparing Your Client for Trial: Managing Emotions and Expectations,” Advanced Trial Skills for Family Lawyers, New Orleans, LA, December 2018.

“Exposing Confirmatory Bias: The Example of Sexual Abuse Allegations,” Family Justice Conference, Austin, TX January 2019.

“The Art of Case Analysis,” Moderator of Panel, Mastering Your Practice: Family Law, The Woodlands, TX February 2019 (Lecture Only).

“Managing Your Law Practice,” Panelist, Mastering Your Practice: Family Law, The Woodlands, TX February 2019 (Lecture Only).

“Is ICWA Ancient History?” Advanced Child Protection Law Course, Dallas, TX, April 2019.

“Initial Client Interviews and Managing Client Expectations,” Marriage Dissolution, Galveston, TX, April 2019.

“Family Law Legislative Update,” Texas Bar College Summer School, Galveston, TX, July 2019.

“Representing the Compromised Parent,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX, August 2019.

“Family Law Legislative Update,” Hood County Bar Association, Granbury, TX, September 2019.

“Property,” Trying Your First (Or Next) Divorce, Austin, TX October 2019.

“Initial Client Interviews and Contract Basics,” Texas Bar College 22nd Annual Summer School, Galveston, TX June 2020

“With a Little Help From My Friends: Working with Financial Experts,” Advanced Family Law, August 2020

“The 30-Minute Cross, 3-Minute Direct, 5-Minute Witness: Including Presenting and Managing Exhibits,” Advanced Trial Skills, Webcast, December 2020.

“Property Issues,” Handling Your First (Or Next) Divorce, Webcast, February 23, 2021

“Evidentiary Issues: Text Messages, Facebook and Social Media,” Advanced Child Protection Law Course, Webcast, March 2021

“The New Discovery Rules: The Who, What, When, How and What,” Wild West CLE, State Bar of Texas Paralegal Division, Granbury, TX, April 2021

“The Brady Bunch: SAPCR Case Law Update,” Marriage Dissolution, Webcast, April 2021

“Disfunction and Disorders in Complex Custody Cases,” Panel Discussion, Innovations: Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation, Webcast, May 2021

“Temporary Orders,” Texas Bar College 23rd Annual Summer School, Galveston, TX July 2021

“What Lawyers Need to Know to Be the Better Advocate in a Disputed Custody Case—Judges Panel,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX August 2021

“Closing the File,” Corpus Christi Bar Association, March 2022, Via Zoom

“Cutting Edge Apps and Technology to Win at Trial,” Texarkana Bar Association, Texarkana, TX, March 2022

“Professionalism: What Would Ted Lasso Do?,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX, August 2022

“Professionalism in the Courtroom,” Advanced Trial Skills for Family Lawyers, New Orleans, LA, December 2022

“What Would Ted Lasso Do,” Webinar, January 2023

“What Would Ted Lasso Do,” Hidalgo County Bar Association, January 2023

“What Would Ted Lasso Do,” Rockwall County Bar Association, February 2023

“What Would Ted Lasso Do,” Panhandle Family Law Association, March 2023

“What Would Ted Lasso Do,” Southwest Louisiana Bench Bar Meeting, March 2023

“What Would Ted Lasso Do,” Hopkins County Bar Association, April 2023

“What Would Ted Lasso Do,” Tarrant County Bench Bar, April 2023

“Discovery Made Easy(er),” Wild West CLE Paralegal Seminar, April 2023

“Sex, Drugs, and Rock & Roll: Authenticity and Admissibility of Salacious Evidence,” Spring Regional Judiciary Conference, April 2023

“State Bar Update,” Tarrant County Bar Association meeting, July 2023

- “Child Support by Any Other Name—Still Child Support,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX, August 2024
- “Child Support by Any Other Name—Still Child Support,” Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices, Fort Worth, TX, October 2024
- “Challenging Topics in Challenging Times,” Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, TX, August 2025
- “Professionalism in the Law: What Would Ted Lasso Do?,” Collin County Bar Association, March 2026
- “How to Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask First-Tips for Developing Business,” Women and the Law Webcast, April 2026
- “Family Law Case Update,” Women and the Law Symposium and Wellness Retreat, Irving, March 2026
- “Family Law Specifics,” Handling Your First (Or Next) Voir Dire, Austin, TX, April 30, 2026