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**Education:** Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., B.A. 1967  
University of Texas-Austin, J.D, 1971

**Mediation:** University of Texas, Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution,  
Mediation Training

**Certification:** Board Certified Estate Planning and Probate by the State Bar of Texas.  
Bicycle Assembly and Maintenance, Barnett's Bicycle Institute

**Fellow:** American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

**Instructor:** University of Texas, Legal Assistant Program,  
Estate Planning & Probate (1989-1995)

**Honors** **Super Lawyer, Texas Monthly** 2003--2018  
**The Best Lawyers in America**, 2006—2018  
**Lawyer of the Year 2015:** Litigation-Trusts and Estates Austin,  
Best Lawyers

**Author:**

- "CYA," Intermediate Estate Planning & Probate Course, 2017.
- "Transfer on Death Deeds," Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course 2016.
- "Conflicts of Law" Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course 2013.
- A Topical Guide, Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course Articles" State Bar of Texas, Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (Originally prepared in 1992; updated each year through 2018)
- "Pattern Jury Charges for Fiduciary Litigation," Fiduciary Litigation: Beyond the Basics, State Bar of Texas, December 1, 2011
- Presented: "Wills and Revocable Trusts—What's Best for the Client," by Prof. Thomas Featherston, Intermediate Estate Planning, Guardianship and Elder Law Conference, UT, Galveston, August 11, 2011.
- "Pattern Jury Charges: Probate: Where Are We Now?" Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course 2011.
- "Limitations & Laches," State Bar of Texas, Advanced Estate Planning & Probate Course 2010.
- Presented: Exculpatory Clauses, by Frank N. Ikard, Fiduciary Litigation Course, State Bar of Texas (December 2009)

- LIMITATIONS IN FIDUCIARY LITIGATION, *Advocate*, Litigation Section, State Bar of Texas 2009.
- HE'S DEAD? Suing and Defending When There is A Dead Body, Car Crash Seminar 2005-2006, University of Texas, School of Law
- HE'S INCAPACITATED? Powers of Attorney. Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course, State Bar of Texas 2005.
- STATE BAR OF TEXAS & THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS,@ State Bar of Texas Council of Chairs, September 11, 2004
- MYTHS AND FACTS: TEXAS PROBATE, National College of Probate Judges, Spring 2003 Conference, Galveston, Texas.
- TEXAS LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2003 State Bar of Texas, 26th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course 2003.
- HE'S DEAD? Real Estate in a Decedent's Estate, Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course 2002
- TEXAS LEGISLATIVE REPORT 2001, Starting Over Again, State Bar of Texas, 24th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course 2001.
- Probate and Trusts, Statutory Update, 53 SMU Law Review 1273 (Summer 2000)
- "A TOPICAL GUIDE: Advanced Drafting: Estate Planning and Probate Course Articles" State Bar of Texas, Annual Advanced Drafting: Estate Planning and Probate Course (Originally in 1999; updated each year through 2006).
- COMMUNITY PROPERTY FOR ACCOUNTANTS, Travis County CPAs Annual Conference. 1999.
- TEXAS LEGISLATIVE REPORT 1999, Laws for The Millennium, State Bar of Texas, 23rd Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course 1999.
- TEXAS LEGISLATIVE REPORT 1997, Next to Last Stop Before The Millennium, State Bar of Texas, 21st Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course 1997.
- TEXAS LEGISLATIVE REPORT 1997, Next to Last Stop Before The Millennium, State Bar of Texas Annual Convention, 1997 and 1998.
- Probate Practice in Travis and Surrounding Counties, Travis County Probate and Trust Law Section, 1996.
- What's Hot: GRATS, GRUTS, PRTS, QPRTS & FLPS, ANNUAL TAX CONFERENCE, Travis County CPA Association. 1995.
- "The 706 for Country Lawyers and Other Simple People," Travis County Probate and Trust Law Section, 1994.
- "DEATH AND TAXES: An Introduction To Taxes Concerning The Probate Attorney," prepared for the University of Texas Legal Assistant Program--1993.
- "Estate Planning for PWAs (Persons With AIDS)," State Bar of Texas, 16th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course 1992.

- "Divorce: Effect Upon Life Insurance and Non Probate Assets," 1988, Probate & Property, Magazine of the Real Property, Probate and Trust Section, American Bar Association.
- "Non - Probate Assets and Miscellaneous Items; The Difference Between Writing a Will and Planning an Estate," Travis County Probate and Estate Planning Conference - 1986.

### **Bar Associations and Activities:**

- American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
  - Elected 1989
  - State Laws Committee
  - Fiduciary Litigation Committee
- American Bar Association
  - Co-Chair: Committee on Administration and Distribution of Estates and Trusts (I-3) (1996-98)
  - Chairman: Committee on Planning and Administering Small Estates and Trust of the Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section (1995-1996)
  - Vice-Chairman, Committee on Planning and Administering Small Estates (1988-1995)
- State Bar of Texas
  - Supreme Court: Probate Forms Task Force, 2016--.
  - TODDs (Transfer on Death Deeds) Committee
  - Pattern Jury Charges: Probate Subcommittee Chair, Family & Probate Law Volume; (2009-2012).
  - Pattern Jury Charges: Family & Probate Co-Vice Chair (2009-2012).
  - Solutions 2012 Committee, Special Committee Appointed by President of the State Bar of Texas (2012); dissenting report.
  - Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section
    - Legislative Liaison (1997-2003)
    - Council (1994-1998)
    - Chair (2001-2002)
    - Probate Code Committee (1989)
- Texas Academy of Probate Lawyers
  - Member (1992-present)
  - Legislative Liaison (1994-1998)
- Travis County Bar Association
  - Board of Directors - 1986 - 1988
  - Past Chairman, Probate Section
- Bastrop County Bar Association

**TEXAS SUPREME COURT:** Probate Forms Task Force. (2016- \_\_\_\_)

## **TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

- Texas House Interim Workgroup on Probate Issues 2014.
- Legislative Liaison, Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas (1997-2003)
- Legislative Liaison, Texas Academy of Probate Lawyers (1997-2003)
- Member, Texas Legislative Interim Study Committee on Community Property Laws (1999-2000)
- Member, Uniform Trust Code Study Committee, Texas Real Estate Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas.

## **ADMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW:**

- All Courts in the State of Texas,
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas,
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas,
- U. S. Court of Appeals 5th Circuit,
- United States Tax Court.

**Planning Committee:** Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course - 1990, 2001, 2003, 2010

**Community Service:** Board of Directors: Austin Alzheimer's Association; Combined Community Action Agency; City of Elgin Historical Review Board and Bastrop County Food Pantry.

**Certified Bicycle Mechanic:** Barnett's Bicycle Institute, December

**Alp d'Huez Club:** October 2005.