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CAREER SUMMARY

Accomplished litigator with over twenty years of civil and commercial litigation experience who has transitioned to public interest advocacy focused on environmental justice issues within Lone Star Legal Aid's 72-county service area in Texas.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LONE STAR LEGAL AID, LLC, Houston, Texas **April 2017 – Present**
Managing Attorney

- Leads Environmental Justice Team under organization's Equitable Development Initiative focused on administrative advocacy for clients concerning environmental justice and civil rights issues.
- Engages federal and state agencies, including U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Department of Transportation, and local authorities with focus on litigation in state and federal courts.

TRAHAN DINN KORNEGAY PAYNE LLP, Houston, Texas **October 2015 – April 2017**
Partner

- Continued commercial litigation practice focused in state court, bankruptcy court, and arbitration.

PATEL ERVIN DINN PLLC, Houston, Texas **April 2013 – October 2015**
Partner

- Continued commercial litigation practice focused in state court at trial court and appellate level.

GARDERE WYNNE SEWELL LLP, Houston, Texas **September 2000 – April 2013**
Trial Partner (April 2008–April 2013), *Associate* (September 2000–March 2008), *Summer Assoc.* (1999)

- First and second chair trial experience in state court, federal court, bankruptcy court, and arbitration in variety of litigation disputes.
- Deep experience in all aspects of motion practice in federal and state court at trial court and appellate level, including legal research, brief writing, exhibit preparation and selection, witness preparation, oral hearings, and oral argument.
- Taken and defended over 50 depositions of key fact witnesses and experts in variety of litigation cases.
- Successfully advocated and settled over 100 cases for clients and experienced in alternative dispute resolution techniques, including first and second chair experience in large mediations and arbitrations. Well versed in drafting settlement agreements, designing creative settlement solutions, and monitoring execution of terms.
- Strong client management skills, including budgeting, case strategy, coordination of communication on management of large teams, and efficient staffing of cases, and developing settlement strategies.
- Substantial motion practice and trial experience serving as primary litigation counsel in over ten Chapter 11 bankruptcy matters representing debtors, creditors, creditors' committees, and Chapter 11 trustees. Primarily responsible for prosecuting and defending litigants in over fifty preference, fraudulent transfer actions, and other adversary proceedings

OTHER EXPERIENCE

CHAMBERLAIN, HRDLICKA, WHITE, WILLIAMS & AUGHTRY, Houston, Texas **Summer 1999**
Summer Associate

CRAIN CATON & JAMES, P.C., Houston, Texas **Summer 1998**
Summer Associate

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, Austin Texas **Doctor of Jurisprudence, 2000**
Teaching Quizmaster
Chief Notes Editor, The Review of Litigation
Director, Legal Research Board
Texas Invitational Mock Trial Competition Champion Team Member
Cruise Director for Assault & Flattery
Third Year Representative to Student Bar Association

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, Austin Texas **Bachelor of Arts, 1997**
Plan II Liberal Arts Honors Program with High Honors
Phi Beta Kappa
Kappa Alpha Theta

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

State Bar of Texas, Admitted to all Texas state courts since 2000
Admitted to United States District Court, Southern, Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas
Admitted to United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Texas

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, Volunteer (2000-2017) and Board Member (2010-2013)
Lone Star Legal Aid, Board of Directors, Houston Bar Association Appointee (2016-2017)
Houston Association of Young Bankruptcy Lawyers, President (2013), Social Chair (2010-2011)
Houston Bar Association, Lawyers for a Beautiful Houston Committee (2010-present), Co-Chair (2011-12, 15-16)
Houston Bar Association, Habitat for Humanity Committee (2009-2011)
Houston Young Lawyers Association, Car Seat Safety Campaign Committee, Co-Chair (2007-2008)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Super Neighborhood 64 & 88, President (2019-present)
Idylwood Civic Club, Board Member (2012-present) and President (2014-2018)
East End Foundation, Board Member (2015-2019), Chair of Wicked East End Music Showcase (2016)
Bayou Preservation Association, Board Member (2015-present)
ArtX Nonprofits, Board Member (2012-2018), Secretary (2012-2018)
Houston Roller Derby, Founding Skater and Board Member (2005-2013)
Bobbindoctrin Project, Board Member (2006-2010)
Justice for Children, Board Member and Volunteer Attorney (2002-2004)
Houston Greeters. Board Member and Secretary (2004-2012)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016 Trees for Houston Arbor Award Winner, Idylwood Tree Planting (Project Organizer)
2016 Keep Houston Beautiful Mayor's Proud Partner Award, Kuhlman Gully Cleanup (Event Chair)
2008, 2014-2015 Texas Super Lawyers, Rising Star
2008-2012 H-Texas, Top Lawyer / Top Professional on the Fast Track

2006 YWCA Outstanding Woman in Athletics and Wellness
July 2010 Women's Flat Track Derby Association Skater of the Month

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Houston Bar Association
Texas Bar Foundation Fellow
Houston Bar Foundation Fellow
The College of State Bar of Texas
Pro Bono College of State Bar of Texas