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## **QUALIFICATION SUMMARY**

Skilled, AV-Rated, trial attorney with 20 years' experience in state and federal courts. Successful in diverse areas of the law, including but not limited to, commercial litigation, professional liability, fiduciary litigation and estate planning. Excellent verbal and writing skills have led to a level of success in winning cases through trial, summary judgment or by way of dismissal based on substantive arguments.

## **EDUCATION**

Doctorate of Jurisprudence	Texas Wesleyan University School of Law– May 1997
Bachelor of Arts	University of Texas at Arlington – May 1992
Associate of Arts	Tarrant County College – May 1990

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

MOSES, PALMER & HOWELL, L.L.P- FORT WORTH, TEXAS

**Attorney-Partner**

**December 2016-Present**

Represented clients in a broad spectrum of complex commercial litigation matters, including professional liability, Fair Labor Standards Act, product liability, breach of contract, Federal Tort Claims and Civil Right actions. Assisted clients in estate planning, probate and trusts. To handle such a diverse practice area, requires providing good legal and pragmatic advice through strong and effective communication. Extensive experience collecting and analyzing evidence to defend or prosecute allegations at trial or in arbitration, including motion practice, taking/defending depositions, forensic discovery, research, and negotiating. Developed excellent working relationships with clients, staff, co-counsel and the courts.

SHANNON, GRACEY, RATLIFF, & MILLER, L.L.P - FORT WORTH, TEXAS

**Attorney-Partner**

**July 1997-November 2016**

SHANNON, GRACEY, RATLIFF, & MILLER, L.L.P - FORT WORTH, TEXAS

**Paralegal/Legal Assistant**

**June 1987-July 1997**

Supported numerous trial attorneys in both general litigation and mass tort litigation by conducting forensic/discovery, document review, interviewing witnesses, preparing cases for trial, and attending trial.

## **BAR ADMISSION**

State Bar of Texas, 1997

U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1999

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 1998

U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 2001

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas, 2004

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

State Bar of Texas

Tarrant County Bar Association

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

American Bar Association/ Lawyers Professional Liability Consortium (*Former*)

**VOLUNTEER SERVICES/BOARD POSITIONS**

United States Northern District, Non-Appropriated Fund Committee 2016

Tarrant County Bar Association, Fee Arbitration Committee 2015-2017

State Bar of Texas District 7 Grievance Committee Panel Chair 2012-2017

State Bar of Texas District 7 Grievance Committee Chairperson 2012-2013

State Bar of Texas District 7 Grievance Committee Panel Member 2011-2017

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Director, 2011- 2016

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Legislative Committee member, 2013 & 2015

Aledo ISD 2025 Committee, 2014-2015

Brock Youth Football Association, Director, 2008-2011

Guardianship Services, Inc., served as volunteer guardian, 2003-2007

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

Appointment to the State Bar of Texas District 7 Grievance Committee (2011-2017)

Top Attorney, *360 West* magazine (2017)

Top Attorney, *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine (2008-2017)

Texas Super Lawyer, *Texas Monthly* magazine (2015)

Rising Star, *Texas Monthly* magazine (2004, 2005, 2006)

40 Under 40 Honoree, *Fort Worth Business Press* (2006)

Martindale-Hubbell® AV® Preeminent™ (5.0)

Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow 2006

Eldon Mahon Inns of Court, Barrister

**PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Professional Liability Update, Spring 2014- Fall 2016

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, annual meeting, Fort Worth, Texas 2016 “Understanding and Working Through the Disciplinary Process in 2016”

Tarrant County Probate Bar Association- Litigation Seminar, Sept. 2016, “Discovery: The Process of Gathering Facts”

Tarrant County Brown Bag Seminar Series, Oct. 2014, “Understanding and Working Through the Disciplinary Process”

Tarrant County Probate Bar Association- Litigation Seminar, Sept. 2014, “Understanding and Working Through the Disciplinary Process”

Texas Association of Defense Counsel, spring meeting, Washington, D.C. 2014, “Understanding and Working Through the Disciplinary Process”