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Education

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas
Juris Doctor with Honors, 1980
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The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
Bachelor of Journalism with Highest Honors, 1977

Professional Experience

The Karisch Law Firm, PLLC, 2008 -
Barnes & Karisch, P. C., Austin, Texas, 1998 - 2007
Ikard & Golden, P. C., Austin, Texas, 1992 - 1998
Hoffman & Stephens, P. C., Austin, Texas, 1991-1992
The Texas Methodist Foundation, Austin, Texas, Vice President and General Counsel, 1989-1991
Coats, Yale, Holm & Lee, P. C., Houston, Texas, 1980-1989

Professional Activities

Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas
Section Chair, 2007-2008
Council Member, 1999-2003
Chair, Probate Legislation Committee, 2003 - 2008
Chair, Trust Code Committee, 2000-2004
Chair, Subcommittee Studying Articles 8 and 9 of the Uniform Trust Code, 2000 - 2002
Chair, Subcommittee Studying Uniform Principal and Income Act, 2000 - 2002
Chair, Guardianship Law Committee, 1999-2000
Estate Planning and Probate Section, Austin Bar Association, Chair, 1996-97

Partial List of Legal Articles and Papers

Author and Editor, Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com] and email mailing list [probate@io.com] (1995-Present).

Legislative updates on Texas probate, guardianship and trust legislation at numerous continuing legal education seminars, 2003 – 2015, on The Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com], 1997 – 2015, and in *O'Connor's Probate/Estates Code Plus* (2003 – 2015).

“Disclaimers under the New Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act,” (with Thomas M. Featherston, Jr. and Julia E. Jonas), State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (2015).

“Problems with the Texas Disclaimer Statutes and What to Do About Them,” (with Julia E. Jonas), State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (2014).

“Multi-Party Accounts and Other Non-Probate Assets in Texas,” University of Texas CLE Estate Planning, Guardianship and Elder Law (2011), updated on the Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com].

“Dealing with Dysfunctional Clients,” State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (2010).

“Bypass Trust Basics,” University of Texas CLE Estate Planning, Guardianship and Elder Law (2010).

“Night of the Living Trust: Living in the World of Non-Probate Assets,” National Committee on Planned Giving (2009).

“Protecting the Surviving Spouse and Protecting Yourself After *Belt v. Oppenheimer*,” State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Law Course (2006), updated on The Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com].

“UPIA Handbook,” The Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com] (2003 - 4).

“The New Guardianship Rules Regarding Inventories, Monthly Allowances and Investments,” State Bar of Texas Guardianship Law Course (2004).

“Top Ten Brilliance and Blunders: A View from the Webmaster,” State Bar of Texas Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (2002).

“Modifying and Terminating Irrevocable Trusts,” State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Law Course (1999), updated on The Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com]

“Court-Created Trusts in Texas,” State Bar of Texas Advanced Drafting: Estate Planning and Probate Law Course (1995), updated on The Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com].