

Education

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, MI.

Juris Doctor Degree, *Litigation Concentration*, May 2001 – Class Rank = Top 1/3

Honors: Dean's List; Certificate of Merit: Law Practice
Activities: Intra-School Moot Court Competition – Winner both rounds

University of Texas, Arlington, Texas

Bachelor of Arts, *Interdisciplinary (Criminal Justice; Business & Philosophy)* December 94

Honors: Dean's List

National Board of Trial Advocacy- Board Certified in Civil Trial Law

Residential Real Estate and Civil Litigation Experience

Agency and Fiduciary Relationships:

Represented hundreds of buyers, seller, and government entities. Prepared and reviewed contracts, addendums, disclosures, and settlement statements. Reviewed legal titles, surveys, inspection reports, credit reports, financial data, tax assessments, residential appraisals, city ordinances, mortgage underwriting and closing conditions. Conducted residential real estate closings.

Communication, Counseling, Education & Training, and Presentations:

Conducted training programs. Drafted newsletters and marketing materials. Organized and conducted educational seminars. Counseled hundreds of buyers and sellers. Provided numerous speeches and presentations to a variety of audiences.

Mortgage/Eviction and other Real Estate Related and Civil Litigation:

In the wake of the mortgage crisis to present date - represented hundreds of borrowers for wrongful foreclosure claims against lenders and government entities; and provided eviction defense. In my career, obtained temporary restraining orders preventing foreclosures on over 75 residential homes throughout the metroplex. Handled between 75 - 100 residential evictions from Justice Court through appeal to the County Court at Law, and over 100 cases removed to Federal Court. Reasonably successful litigation results on state cases removed to federal court with settlements favorable to borrowers, along with most borrowers obtaining substantial economic benefits because of the litigation. Also well versed in other areas of residential real estate, such as suits to quiet title, petitions to partition, adverse possession, etc. Lead counsel in hundreds of bench trials and over ten (10) jury trials to verdict.

Negotiations and Management:

Negotiated contracts with other real estate agents and brokers. Conducted meetings with staff and sales associates concerning state and federal regulations. Purchased, renovated, and sold hundreds of residential properties. Managed and leased properties. Owned and managed real estate offices. Represented my companies in court and other administrative proceedings. Previously owned and managed law firm consisting of eight (8) attorneys; firm handles civil and criminal litigation. Previously owned and managed title company.

Sales:

Listed, purchased and sold over 500 residential properties.

Employment History:

06/03 – Present: Attorney / Managing Owner, NORCROSS LAW, *Frisco, Tx.*
03/10 – 07/11: Fee Attorney, ATTORNEYS TITLE COMPANY, *Dallas, Tx.*
11/03 – 03/10: Fee Attorney, STEWART TITLE COMPANY, *Dallas, Tx.*
07/07 - 11/11: President, NORTH TEXAS BAR ASSOCIATION, *Dallas, Tx.*
02/02 - 06/03: Real Estate and Legal Consultant, LONESTAR INVESTMENTS, *Plano, Tx.*
11/01 - 02/02: Real Estate Closer, TITLE TEMPS, *Dallas, Tx.*
01/92 - 12/98: Real Estate Broker / Owner, GOVERNMENT REALTORS, *Dallas, Tx.*
05/91 - 01/92: Real Estate Agent, RE/MAX REALTORS, *Duncanville, Tx.*
04/89 - 05/91: President / Agent, CHAMPIONS UNLIMITED, INC. *Duncanville, Tx.*
06/88 - 04/89: Real Estate Agent, CENTURY 21 & KP INVESTMENTS, *Dallas, Tx.*
10/87 - 06/88: Real Estate Agent, ERA, REAL ESTATE, *Dallas, Tx.*
12/86 - 10/87: Real Estate Agent, REALTY WORLD, *Dallas, Tx.*