

Curriculum Vitae

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Legal Experience:

Pleasant Law Firm – Partner, August 2021 to present

Franks & Pleasant, LLP – Partner, July 2012 to July 2021

Nathan Ziegler & Associates – Associate, February 2010 to June 2012

Provide legal advice and counsel to clients in the areas of probate, guardianship, estate and business planning and elder law; prepare estate planning documents including wills, powers of attorney, typical trusts, and special needs trusts for clients; advise individuals and families overcoming challenges to autonomy and decision-making presented by challenging mental and physical capacity issues; represent a large number of applicants in probate and guardianship proceedings all over West Texas, as well as serving as attorney ad litem for proposed wards and unknown heirs.

Teaching Experience:

Texas Tech University – Assistant Professor of Practice, August 2014 to present

Oak Ridge High School – Teacher, August 2007 to January 2010

Educator, Government, History and Constitutional Law, Spring, Texas; additionally, I planned all the events for and coached the Junior Varsity Cheerleading squad; served as a team leader for all of the World History teachers in the Social Studies Department; designed and implemented creative lesson plans for children at different learning levels; participated in school events such as open house, in-service, faculty and team leader meetings, and athletic events; and maintained privacy and paperwork for ESL and Special education students.

Courses Taught at Texas Tech University:

Business Law 3391 – Business Law I

Business Law 5390 – Legal, Regulatory and Ethical Environment of Business

Accounting 5392 – Advanced Business Law

Education:

Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, Texas, 2006, Juris Doctorate

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, 1999-2002, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Agriculture.

Service & Leadership:

South Plains Trust & Estate Council, Board Member, Past President, 2010 – Present

Lubbock Area Bar Association, Member, Past Board Member, 2010 – Present

Lubbock County Women Lawyer's Association, Member, Past President, 2010 – 14

State Bar of Texas, Member, Local Bar Services Committee Member, 2010 – Present

Carillon Foundation, Board Member, Current Board Chairman, 2019 - Present

Victory Life Church, member

Campus Advisor to Sigma Phi Lambda (since 2018) and Victory Life College Ministry (since 2017).

Study Abroad Competitive Scholarship (SACS) Committee Member, Texas Tech University, 2018 – 2020

Oral Presentations:

Speaker – “Estate Planning Documents: what you need and why”, Senior Hay Day Fall Forum, hosted by TTUHSC RSVP through the Garrison Institute on Aging, October 1, 2021

Speaker – “What is a will? Why do you need one?” - Lubbock Kiwanis Club, September 16, 2021

Speaker – “Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease” – Alzheimer's Association, October 28, 2019

Speaker – “Legal and Financial Planning for Alzheimer's Disease” – Alzheimer's Association, April 15, 2019

Speaker – “Guardianship 101: What Every CPA, Trustee and Lawyer Should Know” – South Plains Trust and Estate Council Meeting, October 18, 2018

Speaker – “The Probate Process from Start to Finish” – National Business Institute Seminar, October 21, 2014