

Michael H. Wald



KEY QUALIFICATIONS

- Dedicated semi-retired lawyer with over 3 decades of experience; high civic involvement.
- Excellent communication and public relations skills.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Attorney

Underwood Perkins, P.C.

Dallas, Texas

2007- present

- Active practice at 20-lawyer firm in existence for over 30 years

Red Light Hearing Judge

City of Frisco

Frisco, Texas

2012 - present

Mock Trial Judge

University of Texas at Dallas, regional competitions

Dallas, Texas

2010-2011

Leadership Training Specialist

US Peace Corps

Santiago, Republic of Panama

2008-2010

- Developed leadership training programs in third world environment while on sabbatical

CEO/Managing Partner

Wald & Associates

Richardson, Texas

1983-2007

- Formed, grew, ran and managed top-rated Richardson full service law firm; was largest in city

Arbitrator

American Arbitration Association

Dallas, Texas

1991-1993

Prior experience: **Associate General Counsel, TGI Fridays Restaurants, Trial Attorney, Federal Trade Commission, and White House Fellow (Nixon administration)**

EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law, J.D., Durham, NC; admitted to practice in 5 jurisdictions

London School of Economics, General Studies, London, UK

Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania, BS in Economics and BA in System Science, both *magna cum laude*, Philadelphia, PA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Listed in *Who's Who in American Law; Who's Who in Finance and Industry; Who's Who in Emerging Leaders in America; Who's Who in the South and Southwest; Who's Who in American Education*

Former President, Richardson Kiwanis; Former President, Greater Collin County Communities Foundation; former Board member of: Duke University Freeman Center; National Committee for Planned Giving, Dallas; AJC, Dallas; National Association of Estate Planners and Councils, National Board; Rotarian since 1980's; Master Mason; Fellow, American Bar Foundation (limited to top 1/3 of 1% of lawyers in a state)

JC Petty
Petty&Associates

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EXPERIENCE:

Petty&Associates Southlake, TX Jan '02 – Present – closing office - relocating to area 2014

Independent Hearing Examiner/Judge Ad Hoc- Texas Education Agency

Preside over hearings under *Texas Education Code*, §§21.252, 21.254, and 21.304 pursuant to TRCP/TRE and Rules of Court, relevant to teacher misconduct, school board firing/hiring/misconduct, teacher appeals regarding ISD terminations, contract violations, abuse and other matters relating to the teacher/child/ISD employment relationship and teacher conduct, etc;

Contract attorney ad litem and guardian ad litem with Dallas, Denton and Tarrant County; Probate & Mental/Health Courts - interview and investigate need for guardianship and probate of wills, prove up hearings, attorney for county in indigent or contested cases involving guardianship, mental health issues, wills (not currently on rotation list for probate court);

Civil: family, DTPA, wills, *Local Govt Code 143* Officers, etc;

Criminal: assault, felony assault, dui, various misdemeanors, etc;

Mediation: civil, criminal (victim/offender) & family (basic and family law certificate - DBU)

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

LSAT Instructor Instructor positions temporary contracts

GetPrepped.com Colorado, CO Mar '02 - Feb '03

Instruct and prepare students for the LSAT at various campuses in DFW area -

Paralegal Instructor

Arlington Career Institute Arlington, TX Aug '01 - Apr '02

Temp Contract Paralegal Instructor - Instruct paralegal students in general practice/principles of civil and criminal, procedures, family law, research, discovery, various aspects of law office procedures

EXTERNSHIP: Dallas County Family Ct, Judge Fowler, 1999

Education:

Juris Doctorate (law)

Texas Wesleyan School of Law Ft. Worth, TX Dec '99

Master of Liberal Arts

Dallas Baptist University Dallas, TX Dec '99

Bachelor of Applied Arts&Sciences
(business/psychology)

Dallas Baptist University Dallas, TX May '95

Mediation Certification Basic/Family Law

Dallas Baptist University Dallas, TX Aug '95

References:

Dr. Gary Lacefield, MBA, Ed.D
Senior Lecturer UTA
[REDACTED]

Lawrence Fischman, Attorney
Glast, Phillips & Murray
[REDACTED]

Paul George, Professor
Texas Wesleyan School of Law

DIANA SILVA HERRERA



EDUCATION:

1979, UT Pan American –BA Double Major - Psychology and Political Science
1983, SMU Law School – JD

Before I graduated, I represented a mother in two CPS termination jury trials.

LANGUAGES: Fluent in Spanish - speaking, reading, and writing.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

1983 - 1998 - Private practice with concentration in juvenile, CPS and criminal law
Licensed in the federal courts of the Northern District

In this time period, I tried over 100 jury trials, representing criminal defendants with misdemeanor and felony cases in federal and state courts, JD cases, and CPS cases - representing parents and as GAL.

Taught Criminal Law at Southeastern Paralegal School for 3 years in the 1990s.

JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

1994 - 2010 - Served as Associate Judge for the Juvenile Courts on a Contract Basis
Presided over at least 5 CPS jury trials - from Voir Dire to verdict
Presided over 263 hearings in CPS cases

January 2011 to Present - Associate Judge 304th District Court
Perform the same duties as previously but as a full-time County employee


SKILLS:


- Experienced in dealing with diverse groups of people
- Good problem solver; deal well with people/families in crisis
- Outgoing with great people skills
- Good public speaker

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- State Bar Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee
- Leadership Dallas Participant
- First woman elected President of the Mexican-American Bar Association (Now HBA)
- Served as Board Member - Girls, Inc.; St. Monica Catholic School Endowment Trust
- Served as mentor to pregnant, unmarried teens through Lifespan (Parkland Program)
- Frequent lecturer - schools, rotary clubs

REFERENCES:

Judge John Sholden 

Judge Hal Gaither 

**U.H. (WOODY) SPECHT
ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR AT LAW**

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas, J.D. Degree, 1965
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, B.S. Degree, 1962
Federal Bureau of Investigation Training Academy and National Law Institute,
Quantico, Va., 1965 and 1985, respectively.

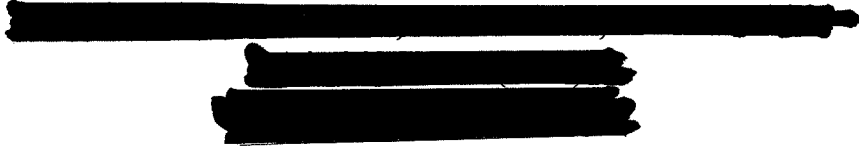
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Municipal Judge, Town of Addison, Texas, 1994 – Present.
Legal Counsel, City of Carrollton, Texas, 2002 – 2012
Private practice of law, 1990 – 2002, 2012 – Present
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1965-1990, with administrative and
Supervisory responsibilities in the following areas:
1. Chief Division Counsel, FBI, Dallas, Texas, and Newark, N.J., 1971-1990.
2. FBI spokesperson and media liaison for the Dallas Region, 1978-1990.
3. Training Coordinator for all FBI sponsored training programs.
4. FBI National Academy training coordinator.
5. FBI Principal Hostage Negotiator. 1975-1990.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of Texas; Admitted to practice before The Supreme Court of the United States
of America and the United State District Courts for the Eastern and Northern
District of Texas.

Chrissi Wittenburg Gumbert



RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Associate Municipal Judge

November 2008 – Present

City of Richardson, Texas

- Preside over trials and hearings, levy fines, set and accept bonds, issue arrest and search warrants, administer juvenile magistrate's warnings, and arraign prisoners for misdemeanor and felony offenses.

Associate Municipal Judge

December 2011 – Present

City of Murphy, Texas

- Issue arrest and search warrants, conduct any other court business as needed during Presiding Municipal Judge's absence.

Presiding Municipal Judge

August 2011 – December 2011

City of Murphy, Texas

- Preside over trials and hearings, levy fines, set and accept bonds, issue arrest and search warrants, administer juvenile magistrate's warnings, and arraign prisoners for misdemeanor and felony offenses.

Chrissi W. Gumbert, P.C.

January 2007 – November 2008

Dallas, Texas

- Provided criminal appellate representation to clients who have been convicted of felony offenses in Dallas County.
- Appointed by Criminal District Judges in Dallas County to examine applications for writ of habeas corpus, resolve issues raised, and prepare appropriate findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Assistant District Attorney

November 2004 – December 2006

Deputy Chief – Misdemeanor Division

Dallas County District Attorney's Office

- Supervised approximately 30 assistant district attorneys in 13 misdemeanor courts.
- Trained and evaluated attorneys in case preparation, jury selection, and trial issues.
- Taught SMU Prosecution Clinic students how to prepare for trial, select juries, present evidence, and argue cases before juries.

Chrissi W. Gumbert, P.C.

February 1998 – November 2004

Richardson, Texas

- Provided criminal appellate representation to clients who had been convicted of felony offenses in Dallas County, including the preparation of approximately 100 appellate briefs.
- Appointed by Criminal District Judges in Dallas County to examine applications for writ of habeas corpus, resolved issues raised, and prepared appropriate findings of facts and conclusions of law in approximately 60 cases.
- Defended clients charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses in Dallas County.

Assistant District Attorney

November 1994 – February 1998

Dallas County District Attorney's Office

- Prepared, evaluated, and tried numerous misdemeanor and felony cases.
- Promoted from Misdemeanor Trial Division to Felony Trial Division in the 194th District Court.
- Promoted from Felony Trial Division to Specialized Crime / Public Integrity Division. Investigated offenses, prepared indictments, presented cases to grand juries, tried cases.
- Promoted from Specialized Crime / Public Integrity Division to Felony Trial Division as a number two felony prosecutor in the 265th Criminal District Court.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas

September 1991 – May 1994

Austin, Texas

J.D.

Texas A&M University

September 1987 – May 1991

College Station, Texas

B.S. – Agricultural Economics

Magna Cum Laude

Fall Semester 1990 – Internship in Washington D.C. / Congressman Greg Laughlin

ACTIVITIES

Texas Municipal Courts Association - Member

2010 - Present

State Bar of Texas – Municipal Judges Section

2009 – 2011 Legislative & Traffic Committee Member

North Junior High P.T.A.

Richardson, Texas

2010 – 2011 Parent Education Coordinator

Junior Achievement Volunteer Teacher

Fairhill School, Dallas, Texas

September 2009 – May 2010 Instructed two 5th grade classes and one 7th grade class

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

Plano, Texas

CCD Teacher / 5+ years

Northwood Republican Women's Club

Dallas, Texas

2010 – V.P. Membership

2009 – V.P. Membership

2008 – V.P. Programs & Webmaster

2007 – V.P. Programs Elect & Webmaster

2006 – Webmaster

DECATS (DeBusk Enrichment Center for Academically Talented Scholars)

Dallas, Texas

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 Criminal Mock Trial Judge

Leadership Richardson

Richardson, Texas

2005 – 2008 Curriculum Committee Member (ROC – Classes XXI, XXII, and XXIII)

2004 – 2005 Participant Class XX

City of Richardson – City Planning Commission

Richardson, Texas

2008 – Appointed

Republican Party of Texas Convention

Houston, Texas

June 2008

Delegate, SD16 & CD 32

Senatorial District Convention – SD16

Dallas, Texas

March 2008

Rules Committee Member appointed by SD16 Convention Chairmen

Delegate, Precinct 1702

Election Deputy Judge

RISD Professional Development Center, Richardson, Texas

March 2008 Republican Primary

Texas County and District Attorney's Association

Austin, Texas

January 2007 Prosecutor Trial Skills Course – Faculty Advisor

November 2007 Train the Trainer Seminar – Participant

July 2006 Prosecutor Trial Skills Course – Faculty Advisor

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School Auction Committee Outside Solicitation Co-Chairman

Richardson, Texas

March 2008

Auction raised approximately \$190,000

Prairie Creek Elementary School P.T.A.

Richardson, Texas

Chairman of various fundraisers earning approximately \$65,000

Texas Federation of Republican Women

Austin, Texas

Member and Patron

Leadership Richardson Alumni Association

Richardson, Texas

Member

Spring Valley Athletic Association

Dallas, Texas

Spring 2005 – T-ball coach

St. Mark Catholic Church

Plano, Texas

CCD Teacher / 2 years

Canyon Creek Homeowners Association

Richardson, Texas

Member / 1995 – Present

Prairie Creek Garden Club

Richardson, Texas

Past Member

Dallas Junior League

Dallas, Texas

Past Member

Richardson Junior League

Richardson, Texas

Past Member