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**EXPERIENCE**

**Professor of Practice, Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University** **2023-present**

Teaching courses in Criminal Justice, including “Law and Society”, utilizing innovative teaching methods. Incorporating technology and interactive learning tools to enhance student engagement and comprehension, especially in a remote learning environment. Collaborating with faculty members and others to design curriculum and instructional materials, ensuring alignment with program objectives and current law. Applying extensive practical experience in the criminal justice field and in the courtroom for the benefit of students’ comprehensive understanding.

**KCParsley Mediation and Arbitration** **2018-present**

Certified and experienced mediator for both civil and family law cases. Certified advanced arbitrator and FINRA arbitrator. Mediated numerous cases to successful conclusions virtually during the pandemic and through Zoom. Arbitrated numerous cases through FINRA and through Virginia balanced billing programs.

**Judge, 248<sup>th</sup> District Court, Harris County, Texas** **2013 – 2018**

Appointed by Gov. Perry to the bench to fill an unexpired term, and served a second term after leading a successful campaign. Presided over pretrial matters and heard felony jury trials, including capital murder, aggravated robbery, sexual assault, crimes against children, and property crimes. Presided over an additional docket for Drug Court, which focused on rehabilitation of the repeat, high-risk offender, rather than incarceration. Served until end of term in 2018.

**Executive Director, Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc.** **2006 – 2013**

Leader of the largest nonprofit organization of its kind in the country. Managed a budget of \$5 million, a staff of more than 20, and the tip line, 713-222-TIPS. Initiated programs to reduce the number of fugitive felony offenders in the community, including programs focusing on prevention of human trafficking, animal cruelty, and child abuse. Fundraising included a gift of \$1 million, the largest donation ever received by the organization at the time.

**Assistant District Attorney, Harris County District Attorney’s Office** **1995 – 2006**

Prosecuted thousands of cases ranging from misdemeanors to felonies. Promoted to Chief Prosecutor in a felony district court. Tried felony jury trials, including capital murder, sexual assault, crimes against children, and white-collar crimes.

**Associate Attorney, Bennett Broocks Baker & Lange** **1992 – 1995**

**EDUCATION, ADMISSIONS and CERTIFICATIONS**

Pepperdine University, Bachelor of Science, Sports Medicine, 1989

Pepperdine University School of Law, Juris Doctor, 1992

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas (1993) and of California (1992)

Certified Mediator, Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, University of Texas

Certified Arbitrator and Certified Advanced Arbitrator

Certified Mediator, Family Law

Certified Arbitrator, FINRA

**AWARDS and HONORS**

Director's Community Leadership Award, FBI, Washington DC, 2008

Suzanne McDaniel Public Awareness Award, Congressional Victim's Rights Caucus, 2009

Fifty Most Influential Women in Houston, Houston Women's Magazine, 2011

**LEADERSHIP and COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Member, Women's City Club, 2013-present (President, 2020)

Past President, River Oaks Business Women's Exchange Club, 2017

Past President, Houston Club-Downtown, 2013

Board Member, Bridges to Life, 2013-present

Board Member, The Women's Fund, 2018-2024

Board Member, Association for Victims of Domestic Abuse, 2018-present (Chairman, 2023)

Board Member, St. Dominic's Village, 2024

Advisory Board Member, San Jose Clinic, 2021-present (Interim CEO 2022)

Volunteer, Faith in Practice, 2010-present (Interim CEO 2024)

Participant and/or Graduate: Center for Houston's Future, American Leadership Forum, Rice University Leadership Institute for Nonprofit Executives, United Way Leader's Circle, and Leadership Women