

**EDUCATION:**

University of Utah, J.D.

*American Jurisprudence Award for Legal Writing and Research*

*American Jurisprudence Award for Constitutional Law*

*Law Review Staff Member*

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, B.A., *cum laude*

Major: Communications/Journalism

**COURT ADMISSIONS:**

All Texas state trial and appellate courts

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas

U.S. Supreme Court

**CERTIFICATIONS:**

Certified as a Civil Trial Advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy

Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

**ASSOCIATIONS/AFFILIATIONS**

National Board of Trial Advocacy, Board of Directors (2018 – present)

National Board of Trial Advocacy, Specialty Program Commission (2018 – present)

American Board of Trial Advocates, East Texas Chapter, Exec. Committee (2022 – present)

American Association for Justice (AAJ) Press Advisory Committee (2012–2018)

National College of Advocacy, Board of Trustees (2006-2009)

Texas Trial Lawyers Association (TTLA), Board of Directors (2005-2010)

TTLA Board of Advocates, Chair (2007-2008)

TTLA Executive Committee (2007-2009)

TTLA Vice President, Communications (2007-2009)

The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, Member

American Association for Justice, Member

State Bar of Texas, Member

## **PUBLICATIONS / PAPERS**

Anatomy of a Personal Injury Lawsuit, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Contributing Author, Trial Guides, LLC, Portland, Oregon 2015

“Establishing Standards of Care and Conduct through Defense Witnesses,” AAJ’s Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland (July 27-30, 2014)

“Developing Your Client’s Story by Sequencing Facts to Persuade and Motivate,” AAJ’s Annual Convention, New York, New York (July 2011)

“Telling Your Client’s Story.” Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, Steamboat Springs, Colorado (August, 2009)

“Grand Openings.” Trial Magazine, (October, 2008)

“Winning Techniques from the Beginning: Storytelling and Theming in Opening Statement.” AAJ’s Trial Advocacy College: Essentials of Civil Litigation, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (March, 2006)

“Using Depositions to Build Your Jury Bias Model.” AAJ’s Trial Advocacy College: Depositions, Cleveland, Ohio (October 13-15, 2006)

“Voir Dire: How to Ask Questions That Matter and Get Answers That Count.” AAJ’s Winter Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii (February 18-22, 2006)

“5 Quick Tips for Maximizing Settlement Value in Automobile Cases.” Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Annual Car Wrecks Seminar, Dallas, Texas (November 30 - December 1, 2005)

## **PRESENTATIONS / SEMINARS TAUGHT:**

AAJ’s Deposition College, Virtual Workshops (2020-2021)

Iowa Association for Justice, 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, *Structuring Opening Statement*, Des Moines, IA (November 6, 2020)

AAJ’s Ultimate Trial Advocacy Course: *Art of Persuasion* at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (March 9-14, 2018)

*Developing Rules and Standards*, AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Depositions, Portland, Oregon (September 13-15, 2017)

*Organizing for Expert Depositions and Planning Tactics*, AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Depositions, Austin, Texas (June 23-26, 2016)

*Opening Statement*, Mississippi Association for Justice Annual Convention, New Orleans, La (June 2, 2016)

*Utilizing Focus Group Information*, AAJ's Case Plus Workshop Program, Phoenix, Arizona (November 4-8, 2015)

*Anatomy of a Personal Injury Lawsuit*, *Initial Client Interview*, AAJ's Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada (July 11-14, 2015)

*Opening Statement*, Iowa Trial Lawyers Association Annual Convention, Des Moines IA (November 7, 2014)

*Establishing Standards of Care and Conduct through Defense Witnesses*, AAJ's Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland (July 27-30, 2014)

*Structuring the Deposition of a Difficult Witness; Deposing the Defense Medical Examiner/Trial Deposition of Expert*. AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Deposition, Buffalo, New York (June 6-8, 2014)

*Utilizing Focus Group Information*, AAJ's Case Workshop Program, Chicago, Illinois (April 3-6, 2014)

*Utilizing Focus Group Information*, AAJ's Case Workshop Program, Los Angeles, California (October 24-27, 2013)

*Developing Your Client's Story by Sequencing Facts to Persuade and Motive*, AAJ's Annual Convention, New York, New York (July, 2011)

*Utilizing Focus Group Information*, AAJ's Case Workshop Program, Frisco, Texas (October 20-23, 2011)

*Utilizing Focus Group Information*, AAJ's Case Workshop Program, Baltimore, Maryland (September 23-26, 2010)

*Introduction to Rules of the Road Concepts*, AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Rules of the Road, Denver, Colorado (June 10-13, 2010)

*Using the Rules in Voir Dire*, AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Rules of the Road, Denver, Colorado (June 10-13, 2010)

*Special Considerations in Deposing Experts*, AAJ's Advanced Depositions College, Denver, Colorado (January 15-18, 2010)

*Utilizing Focus Group Information*, AAJ's Case Workshop Program, Kansas City, Missouri (September 10-13, 2009)

*How to Tell Your Client's Story*, Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, Steamboat Springs, Colorado (August, 2009)

*Use of Focus Groups in Personal Injury Cases*, AAJ's International CLE seminar, South Africa (March 21 - April 1, 2009)

Psychology of Persuasion: How is the Economy Impacting Your Jury?, Moderator, AAJ Education and Cosponsored by the AAJ Jury Bias Litigation Group, Atlanta, Georgia (March 13-14, 2009)

*Understanding Bias and its Role in Discovery and at Trial*, AAJ's Advanced Depositions College, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 11-14, 2008)

*Addressing Juror Bias in Depositions*, AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Depositions, Denver, Colorado (September 26-28, 2008)

*Dealing with the Rambo Litigator*, AAJ's Advanced Depositions College, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 11-14, 2008)

*Persuasion in the 21st Century: Using Focus Groups to Win*, West Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, West Virginia (September, 2007)

*Winning Techniques from the Beginning: Storytelling and Theming in Opening Statement*, AAJ's Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois (July 14-18, 2007)

*Running a Successful Motor Vehicle Accident Practice*, The University of Texas School of Law, Car Crash Seminar, Austin, Texas (June, 2007)

*Deposing the Defense Medical Examiner*, AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Depositions, Cleveland, Ohio (October 13-15, 2006)

*Using Depositions to Build Your Jury Bias Model*, AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Depositions, Cleveland, Ohio (October 13-15, 2006)

*Winning Techniques from the Beginning: Storytelling and Theming in Opening Statement*, AAJ's Trial Advocacy College: Essentials of Civil Litigation, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (March, 2006)

Co-Chair Texas Trial Lawyers Association Personal Injury Seminar, Snowmass, Colorado (March, 2006)

*Voir Dire Examples*, AAJ's Winter Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii (February 18-22, 2006)

*Tips for Maximizing Settlement Values in Automobile Cases*, Texas Trial Lawyers Association Annual Car Wrecks Seminar, Dallas, Texas (November, 2005)

*Lean and Effective Investigation of Personal Injury Claims*, Texas Trial Lawyers Association's Advanced Personal Injury Course, Dallas, Texas (April, 2005)

*The Basics of Contract Law*, Tyler Area Association of Legal Professionals (April, 2004)