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LEGAL EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

ALEXANDER DUBOSE & TOWNSEND L.L.P. *AUSTIN, TEXAS*

Partner, 2007-Present

- Board Certified, Civil Appellate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- State and federal civil and white collar criminal appeals
- Specializing in appeals to the Texas Supreme Court and the Fifth and Tenth U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW *AUSTIN, TEXAS*

Adjunct Professor, 2007-Present

- Appellate Clerkship Writing

COURT STAFF EXPERIENCE

- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Law Clerk for Judge Thomas Reavley, 2005-2007
- Supreme Court of Texas, Extern for Justice Xavier Rodriguez, 2001-2002

SLACK & DAVIS, L.L.P. *AUSTIN, TEXAS*

Associate, 2003-2004

- Appellate and procedural specialist for aviation litigation firm with nationwide practice

WEST, WEBB, ALLBRITTON, GENTRY & RIFE, P.C. *COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS*

Associate, 2002-2003

- Civil trial and appeals

EDUCATION & HONORS

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., 2002

- Editor-in-Chief, *Texas Journal of Business Law*

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, *Summa Cum Laude*

- John Milton Nance Scholarship (Full Academic Law School Scholarship for TAMU graduates)

SELECTED SIGNIFICANT MATTERS

- *Lancer Ins. Co. v. Garcia Holiday Tours*, --- S.W.3d ----, 2011 WL 2586878 (July 01, 2011) (cited amicus for successful petitioner)
- *Bennett v. Reynolds*, 315 S.W.3d 867 (Tex. 2010)
- *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Merrell*, 313 S.W.3d 837 (Tex. 2010)
- *Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Guerra*, 2009 WL 1900411 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2010, pet. denied)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- All Texas state courts
- All New Mexico state courts
- United States District Courts for the Eastern, Southern and Western Districts of Texas
- United States Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Tenth Circuits

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & ACTIVITIES

- Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Civil Appellate Examination Commission, Member 2011
- Named as one of *Texas Lawyer's twenty Winning Women* (2011)
- Selected for inclusion in *Texas Super Lawyers, Rising Stars* 2010, 2011
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association
- Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Member Lawyer's Professionalism & Ethics Committee
- Robert W. Calvert American Inn of Court, Associate 2004-2009, Barrister 2010-Present
- Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism
- Travis County Women Lawyers Association

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- *Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch: Punitive Damages in the Wake of Bennett v. Reynolds*, UNIV. TEX. 21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON STATE AND FEDERAL APPEALS (2011)
- *Preparing for the Board Certification Exam, in STATE BAR OF TEX. PROF. DEV. PROGRAM, APPELLATE 101*, September 2010
- *Ten Practical Tips for Making Your Case Appealable (or, How Not to Lose Your Appeal at Trial and When to Call in the Cavalry)*, 35 ABA LIT. MAG. 2 (Winter 2009) (co-author)
- *Wings & Wheels: Products Liability in Aviation and Automobile Cases Under House Bill 4*, TEXAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASS'N ADVANCED PERSONAL INJURY SEMINAR, May 7, 2004
- *Miscellaneous Provisions of House Bill 4*, STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLE, January 2004
- *Phantom Defendants Take a Seat: The Spectre of the Empty Chair Under the New Chapter 33*, TEXAS TRIAL LAWYERS ASS'N ANNUAL MEETING 2003

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY DISPUTE RESOLUTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW
Mediation training, 2005

RICE UNIVERSITY, Professional Writer's Colloquium 1988-1991

SELECTED NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- Fixed-income securities trader for major off-Wall Street firm (former NASD Series 7 licensee)
- Real estate brokerage, consulting, mediation, mineral leasing (licensed Texas Broker)

COMMUNITY

- Austin Lyric Opera Guild, Member
- Board of Directors, Operation Blue Santa, 2003-2006
- Fundraiser, Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research
- Volunteer swimming instructor for adult women, Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructor
- Habitat for Humanity volunteer