

Baylor Law School



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Courses Taught:

Professional Responsibility, Children and the Law, Family Practice Skills and Advanced Family Law Issues, External Studies, Family Law (Survey), Professionalism, Juvenile Law Seminar, and Law Ethics and Morality Seminar

Educational Background:

1970 - B.A., Baylor University

1973 – J.D., Baylor University School of Law

Professional Background:

Admitted to Bar, Texas, 1973

United States District Court for the Western District of Texas; Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

Waco-McLennan County Bar Association

Bell County Bar Association

Family Law -- Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 1989 to present

Texas Association of Defense Counsel

Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists

Waco-McLennan County Bar Association

Past President

Past Vice President

Past Secretary

Past Director of Continuing Legal Education

Past Member of the Board of Directors

Supreme Court of Texas, Board of Disciplinary Appeals 1995 - 2000; 2006 - Present

Past Chairman

Past Vice Chairman

Past Chairman

District Disability Committee, Dallas County

Commission for Lawyer Discipline, State Bar of Texas

Member, 2003 – 2006

Chairman, Long Range Planning Committee, 2003 - 2006

Chairman, State Bar Disciplinary Budget Committee, 2003 – 2006

Chairman, Chief Disciplinary Counsel Selection Committee, 2005

Liaison to the Grievance Oversight Committee, 2004-2006

Vice Chairman, 2004-2006
 State Bar of Texas
 Past Member, Crime Victims and Witnesses Committee
 Past Member, District 8B Grievance Committee
 Past Chairman, District 8B Grievance Committee
 Past Investigatory Panel Chairman, District 8B Grievance Committee
 Member, College of the State Bar of Texas

Selected Speeches, Presentations, and Publications:

1/16/92	McLennan County Accounting Society	<i>"The Four Most Important Questions on Earth--My Divorce and Taxes--with Subtitles"</i>
10/02/92	Waco-McLennan County Bar Association	<i>"Family Law Update"</i>
10/07/94		
4/04/97		
1/19/93	Leadership Waco	<i>"Civil Justice System"</i>
2/04/93	Waco Independent School District-- Waco Richfield High School	<i>"Family Law Practice as a Career"</i>
7/22/93	Family Counseling & Children's Services	<i>"Children Cope With Divorce"</i>
11/17/93	Bell County Young Lawyers Association	<i>"Family Law Update"</i>
9/21/95		<i>"Family Law Update"</i>
2/19/98		<i>"Experts and the New Rules of Evidence"</i>
10/20/99		<i>"Ethics Overview"</i>
3/31/05		<i>"Grievance Avoidance and Malpractice Defense"</i>
2/08/94	Waco Legal Secretaries Association	<i>"Legal Ethics and the Legal Secretary"</i>
3/02/95	Lake Shore Center For Psychological Services, P.C. (Counselors Workshop)	<i>"Family Law Short Course"</i>
3/24/95	A Guide to the Basics of Law Practice--Baylor University School of Law	<i>"Lawyer Disciplinary Procedures"</i>
3/02/96	Waco Independent School District Administrators and Counselors training	<i>"Authority to Hold and Release Children under the Texas Family Code"</i>
6/25/96	Scott and White Memorial Hospital	<i>"Attorney Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures"</i>
2/28/97	McLennan County Young Lawyer's Seminar (10 th Court of Appeals)	<i>"Handling Client Funds"</i>

3/20/97	Grievance System Symposium	<i>"Overview of the Disciplinary System"</i>
2/10/98	Region 12 Education Service Center	<i>"Child Protective Services and Legal Issues Handling Conflicts Regarding Parental Authority"</i>
3/18/98		
1/12/99		
2/18/99		<i>"Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Child Protective Services"</i>
8/06/98	City of Woodway–Fire Engineer Academy	<i>"Hot Pursuit and Emergency"</i>
8/21/98	Texas Citizens' Police Academy Symposium	<i>"Legal Issues and the Citizens' Police Academy"</i>
11/10/98	Baylor University (Pre-law Society) (Delta Theta Phi)	<i>"Family Law"</i>
12/04/98	Waco McLennan County Bar Association	<i>"Family Law Update"</i>
9/10/99	McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center	<i>"Substantive Texas Law: Children's Issues"</i>
10/22/99	Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism – "Texas Disciplinary System: Practice and Procedure"	<i>"Reciprocal & Compulsory Discipline"</i>
10/13/00		<i>"Disciplinary Sanctions–What is available"</i>
11/10/99	City of Woodway Fire Academy	<i>"Drug, Controlled Substances, and Regulated Substances–Policy and Application of the General Orders of the City of Woodway and applicable state and federal law"</i>
12/07/00		
2/21/02		
1/6/03		
2/08/04		
11/19/05		
2/15/06		
8/23/00	Advanced Family Law Conference–Judicial Training Seminar	<i>"Ex Parte Contact Under the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct and the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct"</i>
11/13/00	Hankamer School of Business–Baylor University	<i>"Divorce and Suits Affecting the Parent-Child Relationship"</i>
11/17/00	Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism – "Texas Disciplinary System: Lawyer Regulation in Texas–2000 Style"	<i>"Attorney/Client Relations"</i>
1/12/01	McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center	<i>"Substantive Texas Law: Children's Issues"</i>

1/12/01	Waco-McLennan County Bar Association	<i>“In the Grievance System; The Most Common Reasons for Being There; and Other Diversions”</i>
5/21/01 5/24/01	Public Safety Department In-Service, City of Woodway	<i>“Incapacity, Insurance, and Options”</i>
10/13/01	Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism	<i>“Board of Disciplinary Appeals Function and Procedure”</i>
10/31/01	Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University	<i>“Common Law Marriage, Paternity, Support, and Divorce”</i>
12/01/01	KTEM, Temple, Texas	<i>“Texas Grievance System–Procedure”</i>
12/06/01	Tarrant County Young Lawyers’ Association	<i>“Procedural Overview of the Grievance System Through Proceedings before the Investigatory Panel and Other Diversions”</i>
12/07/01	Joint Meeting of selected members and former members of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals (Supreme Court of Texas) and Grievance Oversight Committee (Chaired by Justice Craig Enoch, Supreme Court of Texas)	<i>“Proposals for Amendment to the <u>Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure</u>”</i>
2/21/02 2/8/04 2/18/05 2/9/06	City of Woodway–Citizens’ Police Academy	<i>“Authority of Law Enforcement Personnel”</i>
4/10/02	Board of Disciplinary Appeals (Supreme Court of Texas)	<i>“BODA Open Forum” (Dallas)</i>
5/15/02		<i>“BODA Open Forum” (Houston)</i>
10/4/02	Waco-McLennan County Bar Association	<i>“Grievance Considerations-- Avoidance and Defense”</i>
3/11/03	Waco-McLennan County Legal Secretaries Association	<i>“Ethics for the Legal Secretary and Staff–the Unauthorized Practice of Law</i>
3/13/03	Bell-Lampasas-Mills Counties Bar Association	<i>“Grievance Considerations–Avoidance and Defense”</i>
12/8/03	Board of Directors, State Bar of Texas	<i>“Model for Structure and Budget, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas”</i>
5/8/04	Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, Waco, Texas	<i>“United States v. Leander McNelly” – a dinner theater mock Federal District Court criminal trial of the 1870s Texas Ranger Captain for violation of the neutrality act; for Baylor University School of Law and the Texas Ranger Museum and Hall of Fame</i>

September 2004	Supreme Court of Texas	<i>Participating author—post-sunset rules rewrite and submission to the Supreme Court of Texas of Part 4 of the <u>Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure</u> and the <u>Internal Operating Rules of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline</u></i>
4/14/05 6/21/06	TCLOSE	<i>“Camouflage, Cover and Concealment”</i>
5/18/06		<i>“Malfunction Clearing for the M-16 System”</i>
8/17/06		<i>“Field Stripping and Cleaning the M-16 System”</i>
5/7/05	Amarillo Area Bar Association	<i>“How to Contract for Attorney Fees without Shooting Yourself in the Foot”</i>
8/11/05	Advanced Family Conference—State Bar of Texas	<i>“Grievance Avoidance and Defense”—and panel presentation</i>
4/4/06	Central Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association	<i>“Grievance Avoidance and Defense”</i>

Civic Involvement:

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education, 1970;
 Reserve License; Intermediate License
 Texas Tactical Peace Officers’ Association
 Texas Association of Firefighters
 City of Waco, Texas. Police Academy, 1970. Commissioned Reserve Police Officer.
 Active Duty, 1970 – 1974.
 City of Woodway, Texas, Public Safety Department—Active Duty, Firefighter/Engineer, Rescue, Uniformed Police Services, SRT Team [SWAT Countersniper/Observer and dignitary protection] 1997–Present.
 President—Woodway Public Safety Association
 Coach—Heart of Texas Soccer Association; Midway Little League
 Past Member of the Board, Waco Family Crisis Center
 Past President of the Board, Waco Family Crisis Center
 Past Member of the Board, Waco Angel House Maternity Center
 Of Counsel, Waco Angelcare Services (CareNet)
 Of Counsel, Generations Adoptions
 Endowment Life Member, National Rifle Association of America
 Instructor, Pistol, Personal Security; Expert Classification - Highpower Rifle

Church:

Member, Harris Creek Baptist Church
 Deacon; Board of Elders; Secretary to the Board of Elders

Interests:

Hunting, Competitive Shooting

Family:

Wife, Chryl (Ray)—Baylor University, B.S., 1971; M.S., 1983

Daughter, Jade Selman George—Baylor University, B. S., 2002

Son, Tyson Selman;

Two grandchildren