

BRIDGET M. FUSELIER

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE & SCHOLARSHIP

Baylor Law School

Professor of Law (August 2012-Present)

Associate Professor (May 2009 – August 2012)

Assistant Professor (August 2006- May 2009)

Current Courses Taught: Property I, Property II, Texas Land Practice, Appellate Advocacy & Procedure

Honors & Awards

2012 Selected for Membership in the Texas Bar Foundation

2010-11 Outstanding Professor Award, Tenure Track Research, from Baylor University

2010 Excellence in Writing Award from the ABA Real Estate, Trust & Estate Law Section for *Pre-embryos in Probate: Property, Person, or Something Else?*, Probate & Property (Sept/Oct 2010).

2006 *Texas Monthly* “Rising Star” (civil litigation)

2006 Jefferson County Outstanding Young Lawyer

2005 *Texas Monthly* “Rising Star” (civil litigation)

Publications

To Be or Not to Be? That is the Question Surrounding the Disposition of Reproductive Material at Death, State Bar of Texas 38th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (June 2014).

Avoiding a Science Fiction Soap Opera: Excluding the Pre-embryo from Probate, Tex. Bar Journal (March 2011).

The Wisdom of Solomon: Why We Can't Split the Pre-embryo, 17 Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender, No. 3 (2011).

Home Sweet Homestead? Not if You are Subject to a Mandatory Homeowners' Association, 42 St. Mary's Law Journal (2011).

Pre-embryos in Probate: Property, Person, or Something Else?, Probate & Property, Sept.-Oct. 2010, at 31-36.

The Trouble With Putting All of Your Eggs in One Basket: Addressing Potential Property Issues With Cryopreserved Embryos, 14 Texas Journal on Civil Liberties & Civil Rights 143, 143 (2009).

I Didn't Mean to Fire You Because You're Old: Recognition of Disparate Impact Age Discrimination, TEXSUPP (2007), available at <http://www.texsupp.com/2007>.

Keeping Up With: Medical Malpractice Expert Reports: American Transitional Care Centers of Texas, Inc. v. Palacios, 39 HOUSTON LAWYER 37 (Nov. /Dec. 2001).

Expert Report Requirement Weeds out Frivolous Lawsuits, TEXAS LAWYER, April 9, 2001 at 25.

Section 15.062 vs. 15.0641: Which Provision Controls in Third-party Practice?, 51 BAYLOR L. REV. 1, 1 (1999).

St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital vs. Agbor: The End of Negligent Credentialing, 50 BAYLOR L. REV. 1, 251 (1998).

Other Scholarly Activity

Hetrick & Fuselier, *Common Interest Communities* (Carolina Academic Press) (work in progress)

National Board of Bar Examiners, Real Property Drafting Committee, Guest Member (April 2008, September 2008) (responsible for drafting and editing questions for the Multi-state Bar Exam in the area of real property)

Contributing Editor, *General Practice Digest*, State Bar of Texas, Real Estate Law (published quarterly)

Contributing Editor, *ABA Probate & Property Magazine* (published 6 times a year)

Editor, *Law in a Flash Real Property* (Aspen 2009)

Instructor, BarBri Bar Review Course, Real Property

Presentations

To Be or Not to Be? That is the Question Surrounding the Disposition of Reproductive Material at Death

State Bar of Texas 38th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course
San Antonio, Texas (June 2014).

Utilizing a Property Rights Model for Cryopreserved Embryos

Baylor Law School Federalist Society
Waco, Texas (2012)

Update on the Changes to the Laws for Homeowners' Associations
Jefferson County Bar Association
Beaumont, Texas (May 2012)

Update on the Changes to the Laws for Homeowners' Associations
General Practice Institute
Waco, Texas (April 2012)

Evolving Legal & Ethical Issues Involving the Pre-Embryo
Baylor Medical Ethics Society
Waco, Texas (November 2010)

Legal & Ethical Issues Involving the Pre-Embryo
Baylor University Pre-Med Honor Society
Waco, Texas (2009)

Smith v. City of Jackson, Miss.: Disparate Impact Under the ADEA
Southeast Texas Association of Legal Assistants Professional Development Seminar
Beaumont, Texas, 2006

Presentation to a group of legal assistants in the Beaumont area covering the U. S. Supreme Court opinion allowing disparate impact claims under the ADEA and how the Court's holding may influence employment law cases in Texas.

Smith v. City of Jackson, Miss.: Disparate Impact Under the ADEA
Southeast Texas Human Resources Association Monthly Meeting
Beaumont, Texas, 2005

Presentation to a group of Human Resource Professionals in the Beaumont area involving a discussion of the U. S. Supreme Court opinion allowing disparate impact claims under the ADEA and how the Court's holding may impact area employers.

Medical Malpractice

Southeast Texas Association of Legal Assistants Professional Development Seminar
Beaumont, Texas, 2002

Presentation to a group of legal assistants in the Beaumont area covering medical malpractice litigation issues including a discussion of applicable privileges, discovery issues, expert reports and medical records.

Hospital Liability Update

Jefferson County Bar Association Medical Malpractice CLE Seminar
Beaumont, Texas, 2002

Presentation to attorneys and legal assistants in Jefferson County discussing developments in case law focusing on the specific area of hospital liability.

Privileges—What Are They and How Do They Apply?"

Jefferson County Bar Association Medical Malpractice CLE Seminar
Beaumont, Texas, 2001

Presentation to attorneys and legal assistants in Jefferson County outlining all applicable privileges in the medical malpractice and hospital liability area as well as discussion of pertinent case law interpreting said privileges.

Medical Malpractice Update 1997-1999

Jefferson County Bar Association Medical Malpractice CLE Seminar
Beaumont, Texas, 1999

Presentation to attorneys and legal assistants in Jefferson County regarding case law from 1997 to 1999 impacting medical malpractice litigation.

New Discovery Rules & Hospital Privileges

CHRISTUS Health Seminar
Houston, Texas, 1999

Presentation to in-house counsel and risk management personnel at the CHRISTUS Health corporate office in Houston, Texas regarding the new Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and their impact on written discovery, depositions and applicable privileges in litigation.

Pulmonary Negligence—A Mock Trial

Pulmonology Continuing Education Seminar
Beaumont, Texas, 1998

Presentation to a group of pulmonologists and respiratory therapists in Beaumont, Texas as part of a full day continuing education seminar. A mock trial based on an actual case that was tried in Jefferson County involving a claim of medical malpractice and was used as an educational tool to discuss proper documentation and quality of care issues for both hospital personnel and physicians.

COMMITTEE & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committee Work:

Law School Curriculum Committee, Chair (2012 – present)

Law School Technology Committee (2012-present)

Law School Academic Standards Committee (2006-2012)

Law School Faculty Appointments Committee (2008-2010)

Law School Inter/Intra Scholastic Advocacy Competition Programs Committee (2007-present)

Law School Diversity Committee (2006-2007)

Cherry Award Committee (2012-2015)

Advocacy Work:

Instructor, School of the Appeal, Academy of the Advocate at St. Andrews (2015)
Coach, George Washington University National Security Law Moot Court Team (2008-present).
Coach, Stetson Pre-Trial Competition Team (2011)
Coach, National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Team (Fall 2007)
Assistance with practice court exercises
Judged the Intrascholastic Top Gun Mock Trial Tournament
Witness with the Interscholastic Top Gun Mock Trial Tournament

Student Organizations:

Faculty Advisor, Public Interest Legal Society
Faculty Advisor, Student Veteran Club

EDUCATION

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Waco, Texas

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, August 1998

Health Law Concentration

BAYLOR LAW REVIEW, Editor-in-Chief, 1998, Assistant Managing Editor, 1997-1998

Research Assistant, Professor Melissa Essary, Employment & Labor Law Professor

Matt Dawson Trial Advocacy Award

Liddell, Sapp, Zively, Hill & Laboon Writing Excellence Award

National Security Law Moot Court Competition, George Washington University, 1998

Best Orator

First Place Team

LAMAR UNIVERSITY, Beaumont, Texas

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science), December 1994

Minor in Sociology

Student Government Supreme Court Justice

Alpha Lambda Delta Political Science Honor Society

Member, 1990-1994

Secretary, 1993-1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 1998-
July 2006

MEHAFFYWEBER, P.C., Beaumont and Houston, Texas

Shareholder, January 2005 to July 2006

Associate, September 1998 to December 2004

Represented clients in litigation in federal and state courts arising in areas of medical malpractice, employment law, labor law, railroad, premises liability and products liability.

Selected as a Texas Monthly "Rising Star" 2005 and 2006

Selected as the Jefferson County Outstanding Young Lawyer 2006

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Rules Committee**
Member, 2014-2017
- **Baylor Law School Veterans' Assistance Clinic**
Founder and Director of legal assistance pro bono clinic (2012-present)
- **McLennan County National Adoption Day**
Volunteer Attorney, 2007 & 2008
Founder & Coordinator, 2008-present
- **Waco Legal Assistance Project**
Advisory Board (2007-2010)
- **Texas Veterans Commission**
Pro Bono legal work (2010-2011)
- **Villages at Twin Rivers Community Association, Inc.**
President, 2009-2011
Legal Counsel, 2009-present
- **Jefferson County Bar Association**
Director 2004-2006
JCYLA Representative, 2003-2004
Editor, *Jefferson County Bar Journal*, 2004 – 2006
Law Day Committee, 2005
Social Committee, 2005
- **Jefferson County Young Lawyers Association**
Immediate Past President, 2004-2005
President, 2003-2004
President-Elect, 2002-2003
Secretary, 2001-2002
Director, 2000-2002
Editor, *Concurring Opinions*, 2000-2003
ABA Award of Achievement, 2nd Place Newsletter, 2001-2002
State Bar of Texas Award of Achievement, 1st Place Newsletter, 2000-2001
High School Mock Trial Competition Judge, 1999-2005
Crossing the Line Program Presenter, 2001-2002
- **Texas Young Lawyers Association**
State Moot Court Competition Committee 2000-2001
- **Jefferson County Pro Bono Board, 2003-2004**

- **Jefferson County Pro Bono Fundraiser Committee, 2005-2006**
Advertising and Registration Committee Chair for 1st Annual Spindletop Spin bike ride to benefit the Jefferson County Pro Bono program.
- **Jefferson County Pro Bono Program Attorney, 1999-2006**
Provided legal services in family law matters for numerous clients.
- **Jefferson County National Adoption Day, attorney volunteer 2001-2005**
- **Evelyn M. Lord Teen Court Board, 2003-2005**
- **Michelle F. Mehaffy Inns of Court, 2004-2006**

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/CIVIC

- **St. Louis Catholic School, 2009-present**
Volunteer
Help with school events, fundraisers and activities for the children
Annual Fundraising Gala co-chair, 2013
Catalog & Auction Item Committee chair, 2014
- **St. Louis Catholic School, 2011-2014**
School Advisory Board, President
Immediate Past President, 2014-2015
- **St. Louis Catholic Church, 2010-present**
Lector & Eucharistic Minister
Participate in weekly mass by presenting the readings and/or assisting with communion
- **Red Mass, 2012-present**
Organized Red Mass and luncheon for law students and faculty
- **St. Jerome Catholic Church, July 2010**
Vacation Bible School, adult leader
Responsible for 23 children ages pre-school through third grade for a six-day program; assist with understanding Bible verses and stories, projects for Mission Waco, and facilitating interaction and fun based on Christian principles.
- **Beaumont Junior League, 1999-2005**
Served as the chair and on the committee for one of the Junior League's signature projects—The Southeast Texas Family Resource Center (FRC). As chair, responsibilities included coordinating a committee of League volunteers as well as working with the FRC Board and members of the Beaumont Charlton Pollard Neighborhood Association to establish a temporary facility for the FRC and to implement programming to be provided at the FRC. Also served on committees for the internal operations of the League.
Chair, Yearbook Committee, 2003-2004
Chair, Family Resource Center Project, 2001-2002
Family Resource Center Committee, 2000-2001, 2002-2003
Communications Council, 2003-2004
Community Council, 2001-2002
Marketing Committee, 2000-2001

- **Beaumont Weed and Seed, Steering Committee, 2003-2004**
The members of this steering committee were responsible for funds allocated through the Federal government to be used at the Southeast Texas Family Resource Center for programming and operating expenses.
- **Southeast Texas Family Resource Center Board, 2000 to 2006**
Southeast Texas Family Resource Center Advisory Board, 2006-present
As a member of this working board, responsible for planning and assisting with fundraising activities as well as assisting with policies and procedures at the facility.
- **Beaumont Crime Stoppers Board, 1999-2000**
As a member of this working board, assisted with the distribution of Crime Stoppers rewards and also with fundraising activities.
- **Leadership Beaumont, Class of 2001**
Nominating Committee, 2002
- **St. Thomas Moore Society**
Each year in October, the St. Thomas Moore Society holds the Red Mass and Luncheon. The committee is responsible for planning the mass and luncheon as well as obtaining a speaker for the luncheon. As a part of this annual event, a member of the local bar who exemplifies the characteristics of St. Thomas Moore is honored.
Treasurer, 2004 – 2006
Red Mass Luncheon Chair, 2003 – 2005