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Walt Shelton is one of the most read faith and life quality related columnists in Texas. He has had more than 50 faith and life related articles published in the *Austin American-Statesman* since 2009. Walt's book, *The Daily Practice of Life: Practical Reflections Toward Meaningful Living* (CrossLink Publishing 2020) is available at or through most major bookstores.

Walt has diverse speaking and writing interests. He has led with faith-related groups and spoken to larger audiences for over forty years, including an inter-faith group for three years. Walt is active in legal service activities. He consistently speaks and writes on legal ethics topics for Continuing Legal Education programs. Walt has been Chair and now co-Chair of the Law School Committee of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section of the State Bar of Texas since 2008. His State Bar service work includes frequently speaking on environmental topics at Texas law schools.

Walt spends most of his work-life teaching at Baylor Law School. He also maintains a small private practice in Austin. Professor Shelton has taught at Baylor Law School since 1990. He teaches four environmental courses, supervises externships and independent studies, and sponsors the Baylor Environmental Law Society. Previously, Professor Shelton taught Business Law at the University of Texas (2006) and Baylor Business Schools (1991-2001).

Before the late 1990s, Walt primarily practiced law and truly taught part-time. Although he continues intermittently practicing law on his own in Austin, Walt intentionally devotes almost all of his work life to teaching. He has been recognized by his peers for excellence in practice, including being consecutively named in *The Best Lawyers in America* for more than twenty years, including for 2021 (currently listed under Environmental Law and Water Law).

Walt graduated first in his class from Baylor Law School with a J.D. in 1989, where he was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Baylor Law Review*. He also has a B.A. in History from the University of Texas (1977, *summa cum laude*), where he was admitted to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma, and an M.A. in Religion from Baylor University (1979, *magna cum laude*).

Walt is married to Roxanne Shelton. They have two children, five grandchildren, and one very special dachshund. Walt and Roxanne love to spend time with their children and grandchildren. In his spare time, Walt likes to run on roads and trails, walk, play golf, and relax in the Texas hill country.