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Practice Areas

- Mediation—Family Law, Probate, Will contests; fee disputes, and others
- Family Law—non-litigation matters
- Wills, Estate Planning, Guardianships, and Probate—non-litigation matters

Education

- South Texas College of Law—J.D., 2006
- University of Texas at Austin—B.A. with Honors, Psychology, 1972 (Phi Beta Kappa)

Professional Memberships

- Member, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association (TMCA)
- Member, Texas Association of Mediators (TAM)
- Member, Austin Association of Mediators (AAM); Board of Directors 2012–2016
- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas:
Section Member—Alternative Dispute Resolution; Family Law; Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law
- Member, The College of the State Bar of Texas, Fellow 2018
- Member, Austin Bar Association:
Section Member—Alternative Dispute Resolution, Estate Planning and Probate, Family Law, LGBT Law, (and previously Court Appointed Family Attorneys (CAFA) and Solo/Small Firm)
- Member, Austin Bar Fee Dispute Committee

Certifications and Training

- Credentialed Advanced Mediator, TMCA
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services/Child Protective Services Mediation
- Family Mediation
- Basic Mediation
- Attorney ad Litem, State Bar of Texas, 2008–present:
Certified by the State Bar of Texas pursuant to Texas Probate Code, section 647 A, as Guardian ad Litem & Attorney ad Litem
- Court Appointed Family Advocate, Travis County, 2008–2012

Community Activities and Honors

- Volunteer, Evening Legal Clinic, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas (and jointly with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid through 2018), 2008–present
- Recipient, Judge Suzanne Covington Pro Bono Service Award (2009–present)
- Outstanding Volunteer, Volunteer Legal Services—Legal Clinic, Family Law, 2008
- Board of Directors, Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Greater Austin
- Docent, Governor's Mansion
- Member, Austin Woman's Club

Employment and Related Experience

- **Solo practitioner**, Law Office of Candace E. Hunter, Austin, Texas, 2007–present.
 - Provide legal services for wills, advance planning documents, estate planning documents including pre- and post-marital agreements, and probate administration.
 - Mediate cases involving family law; LGBT issues; estate distributions, wills, guardianships, and fee disputes.
 - Previously represented clients in family law cases.
 - Previously represented parents and children in Child Protective Services cases and clients in Attorney General child support enforcement cases.
- **Independent Executor** of aunt's estate, 2006–2007.
Probate Court Number 1, Harris County, Texas.
Represented by Houston attorney, Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law.
- **Mediator**, Mediation Clinic, South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, 2006.
 - Mediated IV-D court-ordered cases involving paternity, child support, and custody.
 - Facilitated discussions between at-risk high school students, parents, and truancy officers to resolve truancy and behavioral issues.
- **Legal assistant** to The Hon. Frank G. Evans, Frank Evans Center for Conflict Resolution, Houston, Texas, 2005–2006.
As a researcher, writer, and editor, worked on Justice Evans's various projects.
- **Guardian of the Person and Estate** of elderly aunt, 2002-2006,
Same Probate Court and Houston attorney as for Independent Executor.
- **Law clerk**, Kasling, O'Toole, Hemphill and Dolezal, L.L.P., Austin, Texas, 2004–2005.
For a commercial litigation firm, drafted pleadings and responded to written discovery; researched issues regarding property law, insurance disputes, and arbitration requirements; communicated with clients, interviewed witnesses, and prepared affidavits.

Employment before Law School

Before entering law school, was continuously employed since 1973. For more than 25 years, had a successful career in the publications and software industry, primarily as a manager, technical communicator and writer, and editor. Worked in multidisciplinary team environments that often required negotiation and mediation skills. Employed by the following companies: BMC Software, Inc.; Novell, Inc.; Radian Corporation; Computer Associates, Inc. (formerly BPI Systems); Texas Instruments, Inc.; LBJ School of Public Affairs; The Word Guild (Cambridge, MA); University of Texas Press.

For the first two years following graduation from UT, worked as a Red Cross swimming instructor and lifeguard, teacher aide in a rehabilitation center for disabled children, and an insurance proposal preparer.