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Partner Attorney-at-Law – The Branch Law Firm, PLLC

Experience

Orsinger, Nelson, Downing, & Anderson, LLP - Associate Attorney - October 2021 - May 2023

Represented family law clients involving family law issues including but not limited to complex property division; dividing stock options and restricted stock units; dividing closely held corporations and other business entities; dividing retirement accounts; dividing military retirement benefits; dividing teacher retirement benefits; issues involving valuation of high value luxury personal property such as art, jewelry, car collections, etc.; issues involving discovering hidden assets and income; separate property tracing issues; restricting access to financial accounts; Chinese real estate issues, Mexican real estate issues, German real estate issues, Pakistani real estate issues, out of state property issues, real estate issues between unmarried partners, issues involving cryptocurrency; divorces involving pre-nuptial agreements; issues involving adultery; issues concerning fraud; divorces involving common-law marriage; alimony issues; same-sex divorce; divorces involving alcohol and substance abuse; spousal abandonment; restraining orders; protective orders; mediation, out of court settlement, and alternative dispute resolution; divorces involving children; grandparent custody; sibling custody; same-sex custody; child custody evaluations; paternity issues; custody issues involving alcohol and substance abuse; managing drug and alcohol testing; psychological evaluations; mental health issues; issues dealing with out of state custody orders; modification of existing orders; long distance visitation issues; custom visitation schedules for unconventional work schedules; international custody issues; visitation enforcement; child alienation issues; adult disabled child issues; issues involving CPS; issues involving child abuse and neglect; issues involving increasing or decreasing child support; and child support enforcement.

The Branch Law Firm, PLLC - Associate Attorney - November 2016 - October 2021

Represented family law clients involving family law issues including but not limited to complex property division; dividing stock options and restricted stock units; dividing closely held corporations and other business entities; issues involving dividing intellectual property; dividing retirement accounts; dividing military retirement benefits; dividing teacher retirement benefits; issues involving discovering hidden assets and income; separate property tracing issues; restricting access to financial accounts; out of state property issues; real estate issues between unmarried partners; issues involving cryptocurrency; divorces involving pre-nuptial agreements; issues involving adultery; issues concerning fraud; divorces involving common-law marriage; alimony issues; same-sex divorce; divorces involving alcohol and substance abuse; restraining orders; managing drug and alcohol testing; psychological evaluations; mental health issues; protective orders; pet custody issues; annulments; mediation, out of court settlement, and alternative

dispute resolution; divorces involving children; grandparent custody; sibling custody; child custody evaluations; paternity issues; custody issues involving alcohol and substance abuse; issues dealing with out of state custody orders; modification of existing orders; correcting birth certificates; long distance visitation issues; custom visitation schedules for unconventional work schedules; visitation enforcement; child alienation issues; adult disabled child issues; issues involving CPS; issues involving child abuse and neglect; issues involving incarcerated parents or spouses; issues involving increasing or decreasing child support; and child support enforcement.

The Crim Law Firm - Law Clerk - May 2015 - August 2015

Clerked for personal injury law firm with responsibilities to include drafting answers and responses to ROGs, RFPs, RFDs and RFAs including objections and assertions of privilege; drafting and propounding discovery on opposing parties; conducting client discovery interviews; preparing pleadings and motions; legal research; attending depositions; and corresponding with clients and opposing counsel; and preparing Rule 11 agreements.

The Law Office of Brenda K. Whitehead – Law Clerk - April 2014 - August 2014

Clerked for family law attorney with responsibilities to include drafting original petitions; drafting inventory and appraisements; drafting discovery documents; drafting motions to compel; drafting motions to enforce; drafting motions to sever; and drafting correspondence.

United States Air Force - Cryptologic Spanish Linguist - March 2000 - March 2010

Served honorably in the United States Air Force for ten years as a Cryptologic Spanish Linguist achieving a final rank of staff sergeant which involved various duties and achievements including but not limited to being awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Joint Service Achievement Medal; supervising first-line intelligence/language analysis for specifically selected communications for the National Security Agency/Central Security Service Texas (NSAT); managing 20 personnel with duties including scheduling and mission management as the branch supervisor for the Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear Counter Proliferation Branch at NSAT; serving as training coordinator for 45 personnel with duties including organizing training events, scheduling classes and preparing yearly training requirements and training plans; and working as part of a team instituting the Target Development Branch with tasks including authoring standard operating procedures, continuity programs, and developing training and testing.

Education

University of Houston Law Center - Doctor of Juris Prudence - May 2016

The University of Texas at San Antonio - Bachelor of Business Administration, Real Estate Finance and Development, Minors: Legal Studies, Finance - August 2012

Community College of the Air Force – Associates of Applied Communications – August 2007

Continuing Legal Education

- 2023 The importance of planning for attorneys and their clients
- 2023 Family Law Section's Bench Bar
- 2023 Attending Mediation: The Do's and Don'ts
- 2023 Ethical Considerations in the Daily Practice of Law
- 2022 Mechanics of the Brain: Adaptive Information Processing Theory
- 2021 Advanced Family Law 2021
- 2020 Preparing Demonstrative Evidence
- 2019 Advanced Family Law Drafting
- 2018 How to Get Your Social Media, Email and Text Evidence Admitted
- 2018 Basic Mediation Training
- 2018 Rockwall County Bench Bar Conference
- 2017 Justice James A. Baker Guide to Ethics and Professionalism
- 2017 Veterans Justice Clinic
- 2017 Appellate Issues: Capital Writs // State Writs of Habeas
- 2017 Practical Tips for Client Engagement and Disengagement
- 2017 Rockwall County Bench Bar Conference
- 2017 Family Law Nuts & Bolts I

Honors and Awards

Texas Super Lawyers Rising Star – 2021, 2022, and 2023

Publications

AI in Court: The Case of the Phantom Precedents – May 2023 - <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/ai-court-case-phantom-precedents-ryan-branch%3FtrackingId=f30cDGCSS9%252BI9H9pWuf3JA%253D%253D/?trackingId=f30cDGCSS9%2BI9H9pWuf3JA%3D%3D>