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Professional Experience

The Karisch Law Firm, PLLC, 2008 Barnes & Karisch, P. C., Austin, Texas, 1998 - 2007
Ikard & Golden, P. C., Austin, Texas, 1992 - 8
Hoffman & Stephens, P. C., Austin, Texas, 1991-2
The Texas Methodist Foundation, Austin, Texas, Vice President and General Counsel, 1989-1991
Coats, Yale, Holm & Lee, Houston, Texas, 1980-1989

Professional Activities

Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (Fellow) Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section, State Bar of Texas

Chair, 2007-2008, Chair-Elect, 2006-7, Treasurer, 2005-6, Council Member, 1999-2003 Chair, Guardianship Law Committee, 1999-2000; Chair, Trust Code Committee, 2000-2004; Chair, Probate Legislation Committee, 2003-Present.

Chair, Estate Planning and Probate Section, Travis County Bar Association, 1996-97

Partial List of Legal Articles and Papers

Author and Editor, Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com] and email mailing list [probate@io.com] (1995-Present).

"UPIA Handbook," The Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com] (2003 - 4).

"Multi-Party Accounts and Other Non-Probate Assets in Texas," University of Texas School of Law Intermediate Estate Planning, Guardianship and Elder Law Conference (2000), updated through 2008 on the Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com].

"Modifying and Terminating Irrevocable Trusts," State Bar of Texas Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Law Course (1999), updated through 2008 on The Texas Probate Web Site [texasprobate.com]

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