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C. HAROLD BROWN

Partner/Fort Worth

Practice Description

Mr. Brown, as the senior member of the Firm, has a wide range of experience in litigation, probate, family law, and corporate practice. Mr. Brown is Issuer Counsel for the Tarrant County Health Facilities Development Corporation, and he served several years as a member of the Board of Directors of State Automobile and Casualty Insurance Company (Des Moines, Iowa). He is President and a Director of the A. J. and Jessie Duncan Foundation and has served on the Board of Directors of several nationally recognized charitable organizations, including The Gladney Center and the National Counsel for Adoption. He is a member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. He was Chairman of The Fort Worth Civil Service Commission for twelve years. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tarrant County Convention Center and served on the Board for fourteen years. Mr. Brown also maintains special expertise in the field of tax-exempt revenue bonds and the law of exempt organizations.

Education

- 1957 - Vanderbilt University, BA
- 1960 - University of Texas, LLB

Professional

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court
- Founder of Brown Pruitt Peterson & Wambsganss, P.C.
- Practicing law in Fort Worth, Texas since 1960

Area of Expertise

- Corporate
- Tax Exempt Bonds
- Adoption

CHRISTOPHER J. PRUITT

Managing Partner/Fort Worth

Practice Description

Mr. Pruitt is the Firm's principal litigation attorney. Mr. Pruitt has defended a wide variety of civil cases in State and Federal Courts throughout Texas. His practice primarily involves insurance defense and coverage litigation, including wrongful death and survival actions, premises liability actions, professional negligence, un-insured/underinsured actions, bad faith actions, coverage issues, products liability, construction litigation, automobile collisions, and general comprehensive liability. He also is actively involved in the practice of eminent domain litigation. Mr. Pruitt had extensive felony jury trial experience as an Assistant District Attorney before moving to civil practice in 1984.

Education

- George Washington University (B.A., 1978)
- American College in Paris, France; Ohio Northern University (J.D., 1981)
- State Bar of Texas, 1982; U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas, and United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Activities

- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Texas Association of Defense Counsel. (Business, Commercial Litigation, Personal Injury Litigation).

Presentations/Publications

- Associate Editor, Ohio Northern University Law Review, 1980-1981
- "*Ferri v. Ackerman*: Court Appointed Counsel No Longer Afforded Immunity," 7 Ohio Northern Law Review 1029 (1980)

WILLIAM B. PETERSON

Partner/Fort Worth
Certified Public Accountant/Texas (General Civil Practice)

Practice Description

Mr. Peterson has handled a variety of civil cases in State Court and Federal Court. Mr. Peterson is a Certified Public Accountant and is active in general civil litigation, collection litigation, probate litigation, estate planning, and probate law.

Education

- Texas Tech University (B.B.A., Accounting, summa cum laude, 1983)
- University of Texas (J.D. with honors, 1987)
- State Bar of Texas, 1987; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association
- Member, Tarrant County Probate Bar

ANDREW L. WAMBSGANSS

Partner/Southlake

Practice Description

Mr. Wambsganss has particular expertise in general corporate representation and business litigation including insurance litigation, international business transactions, real estate transactions and litigation, governmental relations and lobbying, labor and employment disputes, banking and collection litigation, coverage issues, appellate law and procedure, and public law issues. He also handles corporate and insurance defense cases, premises liability actions, bad faith cases, products liability, workers' compensation matters, church/ nonprofit organization matters. Mr. Wambsganss was the Mayor of Southlake, Texas, and previously served on the Southlake City Council and Tarrant County Mayors Forum while serving as Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Wambsganss also served as a judge in his community before being elected Mayor. Mr. Wambsganss serves as legal counsel for United States Pharmaceutical Distributors, Inc., Sherwood Services, Inc., the Microganics Group of Companies, United States Global Partners, National Pharmaceutical Distributors, Inc., Accent International Radio, Inc., ARN Consultants, L.L.C., and numerous other companies, churches and nonprofit corporations in the North Texas area.

Education

- University of Texas-Arlington (B.A. with High Honors, 1988)
- University of Texas-Austin (J.D., 1991)

Experience

- Briefing Attorney - Second Court of Appeals (1991-92, Justice Hal M. Lattimore)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Legal Counsel Division (1989)
- Mayor, Southlake, Texas (2003-2009)
- Mayor Pro Tem, Southlake, Texas (1995-1996)
- City Council, Southlake, Texas (1993 - 1996)
- Judge, Southlake, Texas (2001-2002)
- President, Southlake Crime Control & Prevention District (1998-2001)

Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of International Trade
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- United States District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas
- Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas.

Professional Organizations

- State Bar of Texas
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Northeast Leadership Forum
- Tarrant County Mayors Forum

DONALD A. FERRILL

Partner/Fort Worth

Mr. Ferrill is primarily involved in civil litigation and handles insurance defense cases, including professional liability, with a special emphasis on representing veterinarians. He also handles wrongful death and survival actions, and bad faith. Mr. Ferrill handles state administrative hearings, contract matters, business formations, employment matters, estate planning, probate matters, and appellate law. Mr. Ferrill has extensive appellate experience before the Texas Supreme Court and the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 13th District Courts of Appeals. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Ferrill practiced veterinary medicine for four years in Stephenville, Texas, and continues to maintain his license to practice.

Education

- Tarleton State University (B.S. with honors, 1981)
- Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine (B.S., 1983; D.V.M. 1985)
- St. Mary's University (J.D. cum laude, 1992)
- Senior Associate Editor, St. Mary's Law Journal, 1991-1992
- Phi Delta Phi

Activities

- American Veterinary Medical Association
- American Veterinary Medical Law Association

Reported Cases

Downing v. Gully, 915 S.W.2d 181 (Tex. App. - Fort Worth 1996, writ denied); *Aledo I.S.D. v. Choctaw Properties, L.L.C.*, 17 SW3d 260 (Tex. App. - Waco 2000, no pet.); *Neasbitt v. Warren*, 22 S.W.3d 107 (Tex. App. - Fort Worth 2000, no pet.); *Hight v. Dublin Veterinary Clinic*, 22 S.W.3d 614 (Tex. App. - Eastland 2000, pet. denied); *Vandelaar v. ALC Financial Corp.*, 25 S.W.3d 406 (Tex. App. - Beaumont 2000, pet. denied); *Neasbitt v. Warren*, 105 S.W.3d 113 (Tex. App. - Fort Worth 2003, no pet.); *Choctaw Properties, L.L.C. v. Aledo I.S.D.*, 127 S.W.3d 235 (Tex. App. - Waco 2003, no pet.); *McGee v. Smith*, 107 S.W.3d 725 (Tex. App. - Fort Worth 2003, pet. denied); *Morris v. Powell*, 150 S.W.3d 212 (Tex. App. - San Antonio 2004, no pet.); *Morris v. Kohls-York*, 164 S.W.3d 686 (Tex. App. - Austin 2005, pet. dismissed).

RANDAL L. DEAN

Partner/Fort Worth

Mr. Dean practices in the areas of general civil practice, insurance defense, construction litigation, commercial litigation, products liability actions, subrogation litigation, corporate law, probate matters, and appellate law. Mr. Dean is licensed to practice law in all Courts of the States of Oklahoma and Texas.

Admitted to State Bar of Oklahoma, 1993; State Bar of Texas, 1994; U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern, Western, and Eastern Districts of Texas.

Education

- Texas Tech University (B.B.A., 1986)
- Oklahoma City University (J.D., 1993)
- Moot Court Board (1991-92); Phi Delta Phi

Activities

- Assistant Secretary, Tarrant County Health Facilities Development Corporation (2000-present)
- Assistant Secretary, Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (2004-present)
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Oklahoma Bar Association
- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association
- Member, Parker County Bar Association

MICHAEL L. FORMAN

Partner/Southlake

Practice Description

Mr. Forman has handled a wide variety of civil cases in State and Federal courts throughout Texas. His practice involves insurance defense, including premises liability actions, commercial litigation, construction litigation, subrogation litigation, wrongful death and survival actions, automobile collisions, products liability actions, and uninsured/underinsured actions. Mr. Forman's practice also includes representation of small businesses and a wide range of corporate matters, as well as representation of clients involved in national and international motorsports.

Education

- University of Texas at San Antonio (B.B.A. Management, 1994)
- Baylor University (J.D. 1999)
- State Bar of Texas, 1999; U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Texas, and United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Activities

- Vice President, White Settlement Independent School District Educational Foundation (2005-2006)
- Order of Barristers; President, White Settlement Independent School District Educational Foundation (present)
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Leadership Fort Worth
- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association
- Member, Fort Worth-Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association.

Distinctions/Honors

Named a 2006 “Texas Rising Star” by Texas Monthly Magazine

CHANDLER L. GRISHAM

Partner/Fort Worth

Practice Description

Admitted to bar, 1989, Texas; also admitted to practice before U.S. District Court, Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas;

Ms. Grisham practices in the areas of probate, guardianship, estate planning, elder law, and general litigation, with particular expertise in probate and guardianship litigation.

Education

- University of Texas at Arlington (B.A. 1981)
- Southern Methodist University (J.D. 1989)

Awards

- Russell M. Baker Award, 1988-89
- Orgain, Bell & Tucker Trial Advocacy Award, 1989

Activities

- Fort Worth-Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association (President 1996)
- Tarrant County Probate Bar Association (President, 1998).

SUSAN I. PAQUET

Partner/Fort Worth

Practice Description

Ms. Paquet's primary focus is adoption law, and she specializes in international adoptions. She has provided training for attorneys for National Adoption Day. In her capacity as chairperson of the Continuing Legal Education Committee for the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, she has organized and been a presenter on specialized adoption topics for attorneys throughout the nation. In addition, she is a frequent speaker to various adoption groups in the Metroplex area. She has been a recipient of "Outstanding Award for Children" from Dillon International Children's Services, Inc., and a recipient of Weatherford Business & Professional Women's "Woman of Achievement" Award. She has also received the President's Award of Excellence in recognition of her outstanding and creative support to the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

Ms. Paquet is the current president of the Parker County Bar Association. She has been both an author and speaker for the Parker County Bar Association, the Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, and the State Bar of Texas.

In addition to adoption law, Ms. Paquet also practices in the areas of probate and family law.

Education

- University of New Mexico (B.A., 1969)
- University of Arizona (M.Ed., J.D. 1976)

Activities

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Parker County Bar Association (President, 2006).

R. MARK OLIVER

Partner/Fort Worth

Practice Description

Mr. Oliver has prosecuted and defended a variety of civil cases in State and Federal courts throughout Texas. His practice centers around oil and gas related matters, as well as having a more broadly based litigation practice. He currently represents landowners and businesses in oil and gas related matters such as surface use disputes, oil and gas lease termination disputes, and other issues pertaining to land and mineral ownership. His transactional practice includes the negotiation and preparation of pipeline easements, surface use agreements, and related operations and landowner's rights agreements, as well as numerous oil and gas leases both within the Barnett Shale field around Fort Worth and throughout Texas. His practice also includes insurance defense and coverage litigation, including wrongful death and survival actions, professional malpractice actions, premises liability actions, products liability actions and bad-faith actions, construction litigation, probate litigation, commercial transactions and litigation, real estate transactions and litigation, and appellate litigation. He also serves as general corporate counsel for a variety of business entities and their owners seeking general legal advice.

Born San Angelo, Texas, July 30, 1976, admitted to bar, 2001, Texas; U.S. District Court, Northern, Western, and Southern Districts of Texas; U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas.

Education

- Texas A&M University (B.S. Political Science 1998)
- Texas Tech University (J.D. 2001)
- Board of Barristers, Vice Chair, Administration, 2000-2001, Delta Theta Phi.

Activities

- State Bar of Texas, Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Section
- American Bar Association
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Fort Worth-Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association
- Associate, The Eldon B. Mahon American Inn of Court.

MICHAEL J. MOORE

Partner/Fort Worth

Practice Description

Mr. Moore practices in the areas of general civil litigation, insurance defense, subrogation, commercial litigation, construction law, adoption law and litigation, governmental relations and regulatory issues, public law issues, appellate law and procedure, commercial transactions, and corporate law.

Born Austin, Texas, January 16, 1978, admitted to bar, 2003, Texas; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas.

Education:

- Texas Christian University (B.S. Political Science 2000)
- Tulsa College of Law (J.D. 2002)
- Tulsa Comparative International Law Journal
- Phi Delta Phi
- Tulsa Board of Advocates

Member:

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas

Professional Admissions:

2010 Texas Rising Star by Texas Monthly magazine's Super Lawyers

ASSOCIATES

JAMES E. GRIFFIS

Practice Description

Mr. Griffis practices in the areas of general civil litigation, commercial litigation, corporate law, commercial and residential real estate, employment law, securities and business transactions.

Education

- Millsaps College (B.A. History, 1999)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D. 2002)

Professional Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2002
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Activities

- Staff Writer, St. Mary's Law Journal, 2000-2001
- Comment Editor, St. Mary's Law Journal, 2001-2002
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Texas Young Lawyers Association.

ADRIENNE M. CLEMENTS

Practice Description

Ms. Clements practices in the areas of family law, general civil litigation, insurance defense, subrogation, commercial litigation, corporate law, and estate planning, with special emphasis on family law.

Education

- Texas Christian University (B.B.A. Management, cum laude, 2000)
- University of Kansas School of Law (J.D. 2003) Phi Alpha Delta, Women in Law

Professional Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2003
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas

Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association (Board of Directors 2007; Women-in-Law Section)
- Member, Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, President (2007)
- Director, Texas Young Lawyers Association, District 10, Place 1
- Associate, Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court
- Business Coach, TCU Neeley School of Business
- Board of Directors, Westside YMCA
- Young Professionals Luncheon Group

ERIC C. FREEBY

Practice Description

Mr. Freeby practices in the areas of general civil litigation, insurance defense, subrogation, and probate.

Education

- Texas Tech (B.A. 2002)
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock (J.D. 2005)

Professional Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2005

Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas

MISTY M. PRATT

Practice Description

Ms. Pratt focuses her practice on general civil litigation with an emphasis on insurance defense, including premises liability actions, construction litigation, subrogation litigation, wrongful death and survival actions, products liability actions, and uninsured/underinsured actions. In addition, she focuses her practice on oil and gas transactions, real estate transactions, along with title analysis.

Education

- Texas A&M University (B.S. 1996)
- Texas Tech University (J.D. 2000)

Professional Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Southern Districts of Texas

Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Texas A&M Association of Former Students
- Member, American Association of Petroleum Landmen
- Member, State Bar of Texas, Oil, Gas and Energy Resources Law Section
- Member, Greater Lewisville Soccer Association Scholarship Committee (2009-2010)

Reported Cases

- *Seaway Prods. Pipeline Co. v. Hanley*, 153 S.W.3d 643 (Tex. App. - Fort Worth 2004, no pet.)

VANESSA M. KELLEY

Practice Description

Ms. Kelley practices in the areas of guardianship, trusts, estate planning, and probate law, including litigation in these areas. Ms. Kelley also has experience in general litigation and general business transactions.

Education

- St. Edwards University (B.B.A., summa cum laude, 2004)
- Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business (M.B.A. 2007)
- Texas Tech University School of Law (2007)

Professional Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Texas Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association

JENNIFER C. COLE

Practice Description

Ms. Cole's primary focus is adoption law. She also practices in the areas of family law, general civil litigation and estate planning.

Education

- Texas Christian University (B.S.W. 1999)
- University of Arkansas, School of Law (J.D. 2005) Phi Alpha Delta

Professional Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2005
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Activities

- Note and Comment Editor, University of Arkansas Law Review Journal, 2004-2005
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association
- Member, Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association
- Member, Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court

MICHAEL S. MAXVILL

Practice Description

Mr. Maxvill practices in the areas of general civil litigation, personal injury, insurance defense, debt collection and litigation, commercial litigation, and adoption law.

Education

- Texas Christian University (B.S. 2004)
- Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (J.D. 2008)

Professional Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2009
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association
- Member, Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association

SHANNON E. BOYD

Practice Description

Ms. Boyd practices in the areas of general civil litigation, personal injury, insurance defense, debt collection and litigation, commercial litigation, and adoption law.

Education

- Texas Christian University (B.S. 2006)
- Texas Wesleyan University School of Law (J.D. 2009)

Professional Admissions

- State Bar of Texas, 2009

Activities

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, Tarrant County Bar Association
- Member, Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association