

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

310TH FAMILY DISTRICT COURT	2019 - Present
<i>Presiding Judge, Family Division Administrative Judge 2025-26</i>	
THE LAW OFFICE OF SONYA HEATH	2010 - 2018
<i>Solo Practitioner</i>	
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT	2013 - 2015
<i>Criminal Justice Act Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, McAllen Division</i>	
THE CRAIG WASHINGTON LAW FIRM	2008 - 2010
<i>Associate Attorney</i>	
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAW COUNCIL	1993 - 2010
<i>Conference Planner</i>	
FIRST COURT OF APPEALS	2007 - 2008
<i>Judicial Intern to Justice George Hanks</i>	
HIRSCH & WESTHEIMER, P.C.	2007
<i>Summer Law Clerk for Pat Huttenbach, Esq.</i>	
GODFREY, LEIBSLE, BLACKBOURN & HOWARTH, S.C.	2006
<i>Executive Legal Assistant and Real Estate Department Administrator</i>	
EPSTEIN BECKER GREEN WICKLIFF & HALL, P.C.	1993 - 2005
<i>Executive Legal Assistant</i>	
MEYER, CRIBBS & WILSON, P.C.	1984 - 1993
<i>Legal Secretary / IT Coordinator</i>	
POLK COUNTY JUDGE WAYNE BAKER	1984
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	

EDUCATION

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW
<i>Juris Doctorate, 2009</i>
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN
<i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, 2004</i>
<i>Bachelor of Business Administration in Administrative Management, 2005</i>

SPEAKER AND PUBLICATIONS

- *Human Papillomavirus: Can the Legislature Mandate the Vaccine*
17 THE ADELPHIA LAW JOURNAL OF SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW (2010-2011)
- *Establishing Character of Marital Property Techniques*
Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, September 11, 2017
- *Judicial System Reform*
Houston Community College, Central Campus, April 16, 2018
- *Family Law Highlights, Court Policies and Procedures*
Houston Bar Association—Family Law Section, September 27, 2019
- *Personnel Leadership-Talent Management Policies and Skills*, University of Houston-Downtown
President's Leadership Academy, February 27, 2020
- *Family Law Highlights, Judicial Question/Answer*
Houston Bar Association—Family Law Section, March 4, 2020
- *Zoom, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Have Remote Hearings*
Houston Bar Association—Family Law Section, April 8, 2020

- *Zoom Hearings in the Era of COVID-19*
The Houston Family Law Group, September 23, 2020
- *How is Harris County Handling Jury Trials*
Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, September 25, 2020
- *Zoom Presentations From Judges' Perspectives*
Houston Bar Association, April 8, 2021
- *The Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act & The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act* Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, September 17, 2021
- *In-Chamber Judicial Child Interview*
2021 Texas Modern CLE Victims Webinar, October 6, 2021
- *Technology in the Courtroom*
Houston Bar Association–2021 Family/Probate Bench Bar Conference, October 28, 2021
- *Voir Dire and Property Issues*
Houston Bar Association–Family Law Section, January 5, 2022
- *The Judges' Perspective on Child Custody Evaluations* Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices–36th Annual Training Conference, October 6, 2022
- *Forget Me Not-Issues Easily Forgotten When Dividing Assets That May Have Future Complications for Clients* Houston Bar Association–Family Law Section Fall CLE, October 28, 2022
- *Planning/Managing Your Life (or Career) & Your Personal Finances That Lead to Success*
University of Saint Thomas (Cameron School of Business), November 30, 2022
- *Harris County District Judges - Part One*
Houston Bar Association–Family Law Section, February 1, 2023
- *UHD Alumni Insight: Women on the Bench*
University of Houston-Downtown President's Lecture Series, March 26, 2025
- *Flowers & Thorns: Working with Mental Health Professionals*
TexasBarCLE–Innovations: Breaking Boundaries in Child Custody Litigation, May 1, 2025

ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association, <i>Vice Chair, Family Law Committee</i>	2009 – 2010
American Leadership Forum, Houston Gulf Coast Chapter, <i>Sr. Fellow Class LV</i>	2021 – Present
Association of Women Attorneys, <i>Member</i>	2008 – Present
Burta Rhoads Raborn Family Law American Inn of Court, <i>Barrister</i>	2018 – Present
First Methodist Houston, Downtown Campus, <i>Member</i>	2006 – Present
Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists, <i>Member</i>	2019 – Present
Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, <i>Lifetime Member</i>	2013 – Present
Houston Bar Association, <i>Law Library Committee 2021-22</i>	2009 – Present
International Academy of Family Lawyers, <i>Fellow</i>	2023 – Present
Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston, <i>Board of Directors 2009-22</i>	2009 – Present
Rotary Club, University Area Chapter, <i>President 2016-17</i>	2010 – Present
State Bar of Texas, <i>Family Law and Judicial Sections Member</i>	2009 – Present
Texas Bar Foundation, <i>Fellow</i>	2019 – Present