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EDUCATION

St. Mary's University School of Law

San Antonio, Texas
May 1994 – Juris Doctorate

Institute on World Legal Problems

Innsbruck, Austria
Summer, 1992 – Justice Antonin Scalia, Keynote Professor
Concentration in International Business Law.

Trinity University

San Antonio, Texas
May 1989 – Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Minor in American History.

The American University

Washington, D.C.
Fall 1987 – Washington Semester Program
Interdisciplinary Study in Public Policy and Government Affairs.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Founder/Owner – Construction/Commercial Real Estate

McNelis + Associates, PLLC
San Antonio, Texas - 2004 to present.

- + Commercial construction, real estate, development and contract law practice with emphasis on serving Texas-based public and closely held owners, developers, contractors, design professionals and suppliers as *de facto* general counsel in all facets of legal representation.
- + Extensive contract negotiation, drafting and administration experience as practice team leader of the firm's construction law section, including design-build and bid-build construction contracts, construction management contracts, subcontract agreements, supply contracts, requests for proposals, bid packages, and commercial leases.

Shareholder/Practice Team Leader – Construction/Commercial Real Estate

Matthews and Branscomb, P.C. - A.V. Rated
San Antonio, Texas – 1998 to 2004.

- + Practice Team Leader for the firm's construction law practice, representing project owners, developers, contractors, design professionals and suppliers in all phases of construction and all facets of legal representation.
- + Successfully litigated, mediated and defended complex construction law disputes as first-chair litigator in State and Federal trial and appellate courts.
- + Negotiated and drafted sophisticated General Contract, Subcontract and Supply Contract Agreements on behalf of construction industry clients.
- + Managerial and administrative experience through extensive involvement in firm's marketing, recruiting and practice team committees, including the establishment of monthly practice development/professionalism training seminars for firm's associates.

Associate – Commercial Real Estate/Construction Litigation

Richie & Gueringer, P.C. – A.V. Rated
San Antonio, Texas – 1996 to 1998.

- + Transactional and litigation practice serving firm's Texas-based public and private companies in commercial real estate, construction, contract law and commercial litigation matters.
- + Significant commercial transaction experience, including the drafting, negotiation and administration of general and subcontract construction agreements, commercial leases, asset purchase agreements and related business contracts.

Associate – Construction Law

Canterbury, Stuber, Pratt, Elder & Gooch, P.C. – A.V. Rated

Dallas/San Antonio – 1995 to 1996.

- + Litigation intensive practice with the State's leading construction law boutique specializing in litigation and transactional law as it relates to the construction industry.
- + Researched, drafted and edited 1996 and 1997 supplements to The Texas Construction Law Manual, Shepard's/McGraw-Hill.

Legal Staff Intern

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee; Subcommittee on Technology and Law

104th Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C. – 1995.

- + Performed substantive legal research and analysis on legal issues before the Subcommittee in areas of Constitutional law, intellectual property, telecommunications and related policy issues.
- + Briefed Committee Members/staff in preparation for Judiciary Committee hearings.

ACTIVITIES

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas – since 1994.

Admitted to practice before the Western, Southern and Northern District Courts of the United States District Courts for the State of Texas.

Member, American, Texas and San Antonio Bar Associations - since 1994.

Member, American Bar Association Construction Law Section - since 1999.

Member, State Bar of Texas Construction Law Section - since 1994.

Member, San Antonio Bar Association Construction Law Section - since 1999.

Fellow, College of the State Bar of Texas.

Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation - 2005 to Present.

American (“ABA”) & San Antonio (“SABA”) Bar Associations Leadership Positions:

President/Officer/Board of Directors, SABA Construction Law Section – 2000 to Present.

Officer/Board of Directors, SABA International Law Section – 1998 to 2000.

Director, Young Construction Lawyers Committee, Texas Bar Association - 2005.

Co-Chairman, SABA Events Committee – 1998 and 1999.

Presenter, ABA's National AOP Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada – 1999.

Presenter, ABA Mid-Year Conference, San Antonio, Texas – 2004.

Presenter, American Judicature Society Annual Meeting - 2003.

Texas Delegate to the ABA/YLD National Assembly - 2003.

Member, Texas Young Lawyers Association (“TYLA”) since 1993.

TYLA Leadership Positions:

TYLA Board of Directors – 2000 to 2003.

TYLA District 18 Representative – 2000 to 2003.

Co-Chair - Lawyers as Leaders Committee - 2002 to 2003.

Chair – Corporate Law Committee – 2000 to 2003.

Co-Chair – Children and the Law Committee – 2000 to 2002.

Co-Chair – Supreme Team Project - 2001 to 2003.

Co-Chair - College for a Day Project - 2002 to 2003.

Member, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association (“SAYLA”) since 1993.

SAYLA Leadership Positions:

SAYLA Board of Directors – 1998 to 2003.

Secretary – 1999 to 2000.

Founder, SAYLA's Charitable Fund with the San Antonio Area Foundation

Founder, College for a Day Project at Trinity University - 2002.

Chairman, Supreme Team Curriculum - 2001 to 2003.

Chairman, Events/Social Committee – 1996 to 1999.

Chairman/Founder, SAYLA Cares Battered Women's Shelter – 1998 to 2002.

Outstanding Small Budget Project – 1999 National AOP Conference.

Co-Chair, Crossing the Line Project - 1999.

Outstanding Young Lawyer Committee – 1998.

Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Nominee - 2000.

Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year Recipient – 2003.

SAYLA Volunteer Activities:

Instructor, TYLA Supreme Team Project – 1998.
Instructor, TYLA Crossing the Line Project –1999.
Instructor, TYLA VoTexas Project - 2000.
Contributing Editor/Author – SAYLA Docket Call Publication.
“House that Lawyers Built” Habitat for Humanity Project - 1996.
Elf Luis Christmas Project – 1995 through 2004.
SAYLA Animal Adoption Day - 1996, 1997 and 1998.
Call-a-Lawyer Volunteer – 1999 and 2000.
Chair, Secrets of Success Seminar, St. Mary’s School of Law - 2000.

Member, Trinity University Alumni Association:

Trinity University Leadership Positions:

Board of Directors, National Alumni Association - 2001 to Present.
President, Trinity University Alumni Association, San Antonio Chapter - 2001 to 2002.
Board of Directors, San Antonio Chapter - 1997 to 2003.
Founder/Director, Alumni Weekend Scholarship Golf Tournament - 2002 to 2004.

Other Leadership Positions:

Board of Directors/Officer/President, Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research/ Founder’s Counsel - 2005 to 2010.
Ex Officio Trustee, Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research – 2008.
Board of Directors, Big Bend National Park – 2011 to 2014.
Board of Directors, Chi Delta Tau Charitable Foundation – 2003 to 2005.
Co-founder/Director, Justice Talking Jury Education Initiative in Partnership with National Public Radio’s Justice Talking and the Annenberg Foundation, San Antonio, Texas - 2002 to 2004.
Board of Directors/Event Chairman, Alamo Philanthropic Alliance – 1998 to 2002.
Steering Committee, San Antonio Museum of Art Young Patrons – 1999 to 2002.
Big Brother, San Antonio Big Brothers/Big Sisters – 1997 to 2000.
North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Lab Program – Class of 1999.
Board of Directors, Leadership Lab Alumni Association – Class of 1999/2000.
Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership San Antonio - Class of 2004/2005.
Member, Associated General Contractors Association, Political Action Committee - 2006 to present.
Board of Directors, Associated General Contractors Association - 2013 to 2015.
City Council Member, City of Olmos Park, Texas - 2007 to 2009.
Board of Directors/Secretary, Olmos Park Economic Development Corporation – 2009 to 2011.
Founder, Olmos Park Terra Improvement Committee (“OPTIC”) & Charitable Foundation – 2008 to present.
Member, Entrepreneur Organization (“EO”), 2015 to present.
Founder/Owner, The Sporting District @ The Pearl, San Antonio’s highest-rated men’s shop, 2014 to present.
President/Founder, Dallas Safari Club San Antonio Chapter - 2016 to present.

PUBLICATIONS

The Texas Construction Law Manual, 1996 & 1997 Supplements, Shepard’s/McGraw-Hill.
Texas Lawyer, Law of the Land Article, Volume 18, No. 11, 2004.
American Builders & Contractors, South Texas Chapter, Quarterly Publication.
San Antonio Young Lawyers Association’s Docket Call Publication.
Preservation of Lien and Bond Claims Notebook, 2003 - 2006.

AWARDS AND DESIGANTIONS

Board Certified in Construction Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization – 2017 to present.
Texas Rising Stars and/or Super Lawyers, Construction Law, Texas Monthly Magazine (Top 2.5% of Texas Lawyers) - 2004, 2005, 2006, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
San Antonio’s Best Lawyers - Construction Litigation and Construction & Surety, San Antonio Scene Magazine (as selected by legal peers) - 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
LEED Accredited - Green Associate, U.S. Green Building Council – 2012 to present.
40 Rising Business Leaders Under 40, San Antonio Business Journal - 2004/2005.
Outstanding Young Lawyer of the Year, San Antonio Bar Association – 2003.