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Education:

Ph.D., 2013, Baylor University.

Dissertation: Legal Equality and State Neutrality in the United States, France, and the Netherlands as Applied to Islamic Women's Religious Dress.

M.T.S., 2009, Southern Methodist University.

J.D., 1984, Texas Tech University.

B.A., (Political Science), 1981, Creighton University

Teaching Experience:

Baylor University: 2010-2017

El Paso Community College: adjunct 1992-94

Publications:

Book: *A Question of Balance: Legal Equality and State Neutrality in the United States, France, and the Netherlands*, (Lexington, 2016).

Book Review, "Religion and Violence in Early American Methodism: Taking the Kingdom by Force," by Jeffrey Williams," *Journal of Church and State* (Autumn 2011) 53(4): 678-680.

Book Review, "The Religion Clauses of the First Amendment: Guarantees of States' Rights?" by Ellis West," *Journal of Church and State* (Summer 2012) 54(3): 449-50.

Technical Paper: "A Primer in Perfecting the Appeal, Filing the Record, and Briefing Techniques, Texas Bar CLE, Civil Appellate Practice Boot Camp (2002).

Conference Presentations:

"Resurrection: Desecularization in Europe" part of Boston University Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs Secularism and its Adversaries Project led by Dr. Peter L. Berger, 2011.

"It's all about the Balance: Law, Politics, and Religion in Europe" presented at Alternative Academia's 6th Annual Symposium on Identity and Multicultural Politics in Montreal October 29-31, 2012

"The Necessary Divorce: The Separation of Legal and Religious Marriage in the United States" presented at Southern Political Science Association Conference January 2013 in Orlando, Florida (with Jason Hines).

Other Academic Activities:

Assistant Editor for *The Journal of Church and State*, a journal produced through the Dawson Institute of Church-State Affairs at Baylor University by Oxford University Press, 2011-2017.

Professional Affiliations:

Member, American Political Science Association

Licensed to Practice Law in Texas (Active) & New Mexico (Inactive)

Board Certified, Civil Appellate Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization (inactive)

Non-Academic Employment:

Attorney in private practice, 1984-2009.