

# LAWRENCE J. PRAEGER, P.C.

2608 State Street, Dallas, Texas 75204

214.871.0700

LPraeger@PraegerLaw.com

LawrencePraeger.com



- **PRACTICE**

Family Law and Related Civil Litigation

Representation of Mental Health Professions and Social Workers on Licensing Complaints, Confidentiality Issues—HIPAA Compliance, and Litigation Preparation

Expert Witness Testimony and Consulting on Necessity and Reasonableness of Attorneys Fees

Estate Planning

Mediation

- **EDUCATION**

South Texas College of Law Houston, J.D., May 1981

Simon's Rock College, B.A., May 1976

Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 1992 to present

Mediation Training, Dispute Resolution Center, Austin, Texas (Certification), 2008

Collaborative Law Training (Certification) 2000

Guardian Ad Litem (Certification), 2011

Texas District and County Attorney's Association Basic Prosecution (course), July 1983

Career Prosecutor Course sponsored by the National College of District Attorneys, July 1984

Texas Commission on Law Officer Standards and Education (Basic Certificate) 1983

- **PROFESSIONAL RATING**

*AV-Rated* by Martindale-Hubbell

- **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation (Elected 2022)

Co-Chair, Ethics Committee of the Dallas Bar Association (2022, 2023)

Texas Bar College Society of Legal Scholars, 30 Year Fellow (2022)

District 6 Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas (5 years)

Volunteer Associate Judge/Special Master, Dallas County Family Courts

Numerous appointments as Attorney and/or Guardian *Ad Litem* in the Dallas Family, District, and Probate Courts in Dallas County, Texas.

Mentor, Dallas Bar Association *Transition to Law* Program (STEER) (guidance for young lawyers developing their practice)

- **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of Texas, October 30, 1981

US District Court, Southern District, February 15, 1982

US District Court, Northern District, March 14, 1986

US Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, October 24, 1986

- **EMPLOYMENT**

- **September 1, 1988 - Present**

Self-employed: Lawrence J. Praeger, P.C.

- **April 1, 1986 - September 1, 1988**

Associate with the firm of Perini & Carlock. Practice limited to family law, criminal law and related civil litigation.

- **March 1, 1985 – March 30, 1986**

Associate with Shields, Blankenship & Noble. General Practice.

- **September 1, 1982 - February 1985**

Assistant County Attorney, Bell County, Texas. Criminal prosecution and representation of the State in suits affecting the parent-child relationship and law suits dealing with mental illness commitments.

- **PUBLISHED OPINIONS**

- Black v. Dallas County Child Welfare Services, 835 S.W. 2nd 626 (Tex. 1992).
- U.S. v. Haga, 821 F. 2nd 1036 (5th Cir. 1987).

- **PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

- *Proportionate Discovery*, article in Dallas Bar Association *Family Law Section Newsletter*, January 2022.
- *Client Confidentiality: Limits and Qualifications in Litigation*, article in Dallas Bar Association *Headnotes*, September 2020, Volume 45, Number 9.
- *Ethics for Family Lawyers*, article in monthly newsletter for Family Law Section of Dallas Bar Association, April 2013.

- **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Clark Hill Strasburger law firm's Housing Authorities of Texas Symposium, *Navigating Family Violence Protective Orders and VAWA*, November 2020.
- National Business Institute, Institute for Paralegal Education, *Practicing Law: Top Unlicensed Practice of Law Risks in Family Law*, November 2020.
- North Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians, *What to do When a Subpoena Arrives*, Dallas, Texas, September 2019.
- Dallas Municipal Bar Association, *How to Avoid an Appearance Before the Grievance Committee*, Dallas, Texas, October 2018.
- Dallas Bar Association, MCLE at Belo Mansion, Panelist, *Make Ethics Great Again: An Inside Look at Texas State Bar Grievance Panels*, Dallas, Texas, October 2018.
- Institute for Paralegal Education, *Divorce Cases from Start to Finish for Paralegals* seminar, (*Initial Interviews and Pleadings; Ethical Questions*), Dallas, Texas, April 2018.
- National Business Institute, *What Family Court Judges Want You to Know*, seminar, Dallas, Texas, December 2015.
- North Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians, *What to Do When the Subpoena Arrives*, Dallas, Texas, February 2014.
- SMU Dedman School of Law, *Ad Litem and Amicus Attorney Court Appointments: Inside and Outside the Box* Training CLE, co-sponsored by SMU W.W. Caruth, Jr. and Child Advocacy Clinic and Institute, July 2010.