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## **EDUCATION**

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas  
Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1996

- Chief Articles Editor, *The Review of Litigation*
- James Lockhart Autry Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Law
- Fannie House Scholarship
- Board of Advocates
- Senior Honors Mock Trial
- Intramural Mediation Competition, Champion
- Intramural Voir Dire Competition, Semifinalist
- Carl W. Wilson Novice Mock Trial
- Who's Who Among American Law Students

Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

B.A. in Political Science and Biblical & Theological Studies, 1993

- Dean's List
- Intern, State Representative Peter Roskam (IL)
- Student Assistant, Director of Student Activities
- Teacher's Assistant, Dr. Alan Johnson
- Event Coordinator, Center for Applied Christian Ethics

Bryan High School, Bryan, Texas, 1989

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Peterson Law Group, Bryan, Texas  
Attorney/Owner, September 2008 to present

Brazos County 1031 Exchange Company, LLC, Bryan, Texas  
Vice President, September 2009 to present

AbouTown Press community newspaper, Bryan, Texas  
Co-Founder, co-owner and co-publisher, September 2007 to present

Swearingen, Peterson & Benn, LLC, College Station, Texas  
Attorney/Partner, January 2008 to September 2008

Peterson & Swearingen, LLC, College Station, Texas

Attorney/Partner, January 2004 to January 2008

Christopher W. Peterson, P.C., College Station, Texas  
Attorney/Owner, June 2002 to January 2004

Vacek, Kiecke & Currier, L.L.P., College Station, Texas  
Of Counsel, June 2002 to January 2004

Meece & Associates, Bryan, Texas  
Associate attorney, May 2001 to June 2002

West, Webb, Allbritton, Gentry & Rife, P.C., College Station, Texas  
Associate attorney, April 1998 to May 2001

Meece & Kohn, Bryan, Texas  
Associate attorney, September 1996 to April 1998

Wetzel & Herron, L.L.P., The Woodlands, Texas  
Law clerk, May 1995 to August 1995

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Texas, 1996

The United States District Courts for the Northern District of Texas

The United States District Courts for the Southern District of Texas

The United States District Courts for the Western District of Texas

The United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Texas

The United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals

## **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

*Essential Tools for Planning for Death or Disability*, AbouTown Press, September 2010

*Estate Planning Basics*, Senior Seminar Series, Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging, 2011

*Top Ten Mistakes Seen in Estate Planning*, Edward Jones Seminar, 2011

*Economic Development Trends in Bryan-College Station*, Century 21 Beal, Inc.

*1031 Exchange Basics*, Century 21 Beal, Inc., 2011

*Rights of the Elderly*, Senior Seminar Series, Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging, 2011

*Fraud on Seniors*, Senior Seminar Series, Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging, 2011

*Practical Guide to Legal Hiring*, Brazos Valley Society for Human Resources Management, 2011

*Choice of Business Entity*, Small Business Summit, Brazos Valley Small Business Development Center, 2010

*End of Life Decision-Making*, Senior Seminar Series, Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging, 2010

*Rights of the Elderly*, Senior Seminar Series, Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging, 2010

*Estate Planning for Seniors*, Senior Seminar Series, Brazos Valley Area Agency on Aging, 2010

*Preparing Your Estate Plan*, Edward Jones Seminar, 2010

*Choice of Business Entity*, Brazos Valley Small Business Development Center, 2009

*Real Estate*, The Debbie Davis Radio Show, 2009

*Estate Planning Topics*, The Debbie Davis Radio Show, 2009

Business Start-Up 101, Research Valley Innovation Center & Texas A&M's Center for New Ventures and Entrepreneurship, 2008

Identity Theft, Raymond James Financial Seminar, 2006

Top Ten Mistakes Seen In Estate Planning, Raymond James Financial Seminar, 2006

Starting Your Own Business, Brazos Valley Small Business Development Center, 2006

Top Ten Common Mistakes in Estate Planning, B/CS Chamber of Commerce, Senior Leadership Brazos 2006

Limited Partnership Basics, 2006

Basic Estate Planning, BNI, 2005

Estate Planning, St. Joseph's Gold Medallion Club, 2004

Top Ten Common Mistakes in Estate Planning, B/CS Chamber of Commerce, Senior Leadership Brazos 2004

Top Ten Common Mistakes in Estate Planning, AG Edwards, 2003

### **PAST & PRESENT MEMBERSHIPS & HONORS**

State Bar of Texas

Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce

Brazos Independent Business Alliance

National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys

Bryan-College Station Realtors Association

Brazos County Bar Association (Bench & Bar Committee)

Brazos Valley Young Lawyers Association

Christian Legal Society

American Bar Association

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Texas Young Lawyers Association

Austin Young Lawyers Association

Ambassador Team Leader Award, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce

Rookie of the Year Award, Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce

Community Service Award, Brazos Valley African American National Heritage Society

### **PAST & PRESENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

Research Valley Partnership (Chair, Board of Directors)

Bryan-Brazos County Economic Development Foundation (Vice President, Board of Directors)

Bryan Texas Utilities (Board of Directors)

BBVA Compass Bank, Advisory Board of Directors (Bryan-College Station, Texas region)

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board Member, City of Bryan

Research Valley Innovation Center (Advisory Council)

Bryan Independent School District Board of Trustees (former President of the Board, former Trustee, Place 4)

Bryan Business Council, Inc. (former President, Board of Directors)

Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce (former Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee; Leadership Brazos 2001-02; Ambassador; Ambassador Team Leader Award and Rookie of the Year Award winner)

Hope Pregnancy Centers of the Brazos Valley (Board of Directors; Advisory Board)

Junction 505 (former President, Board of Directors)

Dispute Resolution Center (Board of Directors; Training Instructor)

Downtown Bryan Economic Development Association (Board of Directors)  
College Station American Little League (Manager)  
Brazos County Republican Party (Chair, Elephant Walk 1998)  
Brazos County Republican Club (former Vice President)  
Brazos County Young Republicans (former President)  
City of Bryan Zoning Board of Adjustment (former Chair)  
City of Bryan Main Street Project Advisory Board (former Chair)  
City of Bryan Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee  
Westminster Presbyterian Church (Pastor Search Committee, Next Step Task Force, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Building Committee, Youth Council, Covenant Kids Club Teacher)  
American Heart Association (Heart Walk)  
Wheaton Associates  
Wheaton College Annual Fund Drive (Class Representative)  
Bible Study Fellowship  
B/CS Habitat for Humanity  
Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse  
Voices for Children, Inc. (Training Instructor)