

Curriculum Vitae

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Bridget Brandon is a consulting and testifying expert witness who has been qualified in both State and Federal court. Her specialty is in liability, valuation and fraud cases. Ms. Brandon brings experience in both the corporate and agricultural sectors to her practice and has been a lifelong passionate learner and participant in the equestrian industry. With over 30 years of experience showing in Hunter/Jumper and Dressage competitions at AA shows across the country, breeding, training and selling for the Sporthorse market, boarding horses and enjoying Fox Hunting and trail riding, Ms. Brandon brings an understanding of the business, showing and recreational side of the equine industry.

After spending almost two decades in the corporate world marketing new products and services from inception to the marketplace, Ms. Brandon spends 100% of her professional time combining her passion, knowledge, and experience with horses to

helping individuals and companies. Though she had been appraising horses since 2001 as an appraiser with the American Society of Equine Appraisers, she started her own appraisal company in 2010, ValueMyHorse LLC, which has now grown into a breeding, consulting, and buyer's advocacy company. Due to her demand as an Expert Witness for liability, standards in the industry, appraisal specialists, and locating expert specialist for attorney's, Bridget started The Equine Expert LLC, the first and only collaborative equine expert witness firm offering a "stable" of hand-picked experts specializing in a variety of specific fields in the equine industry. The firm has worked on high-profile cases to smaller niche cases, and historically has been 50/50 working with both Plaintiff and Defendant.

Ms. Brandon has boarded horses on her three different farms since 1992. Horses have ranged from breeding stock, trail horses to top AA show horses. She has a full understanding of the boarding and training industry, as well as care, custody and control. Ms. Brandon has shown as an Amateur/Owner in the Hunters and High

Amateur/Owner Jumpers up to 1.40 meters. She purchased Sinners Prayer as a new import from Europe, started her in the Pre-green Hunters to being ranked #2 in the country in Conformation Hunters. Sinners Prayer was also featured in the Chronicle of the Horse and was on the cover of The Plaid Horse. In the jumpers, Bridget has owned USEF Horse of the Year CR Andiamo and Cognac Gold. She has also bred and sold very successful Dressage horses to both amateur and professional riders across the country. One of her Farms was used for lessons and training by top rated big "R" Judge and trainer Russell Frey, as well as other well respected trainers and riders.

Ms. Brandon enjoys living on her third farm that she has built from scratch and consults with others on developing and managing their farms. She can work with raw land or someone who wants to improve an existing farm. She serves as advisor to assist her client in making the best decisions on where their money will be well spent and the safety of the horse and rider. She will also help find reputable vendors. Ms. Brandon was interviewed and quoted by Sotheby's for their online International residential real estate magazine in an article titled, "Homes that Embody the Equestrian Spirit", June 2021. Her most recent project is working with a developer for a private 30-acre estate, which will include a private stable in the British West Indies. Her responsibility in the development of the stable is providing insight into the care of the horses, and safety for both horse and rider in the planning and development stages.

She is often called upon to serve as a "Buyers Advocate" and will assist them through every step of the buying process. As a Buyers Advocate, she has prevented buyers from making an uneducated or naive purchase and has saved them thousands of dollars. In this role, she first gets to know the individual as a person, the skill level as an equestrian and what their goal is in horse ownership. With no emotional interest in the purchase, she can assist her client in looking objectively at what can quickly become a very subjective purchase. Her goal is to assist buyers from paying overmarket, purchasing a lame horse, getting out of a pressured sale, assisting in the negotiating, making sure appropriate Bill of Sales and Pre-purchase Exams are completed, helping clients perform a business transaction with a trainer turned friend, recognizing what loose terminology means, and asking the tough questions. She is not a broker, but rather works with the clients who have broker. But she also works with clients who want to buy horses on their own. Either way, her goal is to assist the buyer from getting into trouble and to purchase an authentic, fairly priced and wonderful equine partner.

She is an experienced breeder of German Oldenburg warmbloods, breeding top jumping and dressage horses selling to both professional and amateur competitors across the US. She currently boards retired show horses and breeding stock, and manages the breeding of imported Holsteiner stallion TriStarr (Crypso) and stands her American Quarter Horse Stallion Skips Gold Bar, Jr. who is also her trail horse and fox hunting partner. She and a variety of her horses have been featured in The Chronicle of The Horse, The Plaid Horse, Lone Star Horse Report and Texas Hoofbeats.

Ms. Brandon is very involved in trail riding and is a member of Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trail Riding Association (LRRETA), Pilot Point's Sherriff's Posse, Equine Trail Sports South and board member of the newly formed North Texas Search and Rescue (NTXSR). She is also involved in Brazos Valley Fox Hunting Club and has volunteered at various times for Victory Therapy riding and Equest. She is a judge for the North Texas H/J Club and was a former Board Member.

Ms. Brandon also served on Internationally renowned and USEF Horseman of the Year Tom McCutcheon's Advisory Board from 2009-2012. Tom is a world-renowned Reiner and 2011 USEF Horseman of the Year and World Equestrian Game Team and Individual Gold Winner 2010. With Tom McCutcheon, Bridget developed and launched Tom McCutcheon's VirtualHorseHelp.com, an online training site and inside look at top Performance Horse professionals. The goal of the online training website is to provide equestrians who keep their horses at home the ability to access top trainers across the country and learn a variety of training techniques. Topics would include nutrition, working with young horses, starting horses, trailering, trail riding, safety around horses, horse maintenance, farm maintenance, equine health, and a host of other topics.

LICENSES AND EDUCATION:

Southern Methodist University – BFA 1984
American Society of Equine Appraisers – Senior Appraiser, and Life Member since 2001
ASA – Applicant, Member American Society of Appraisers 2020
Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisers – USPAP Tested & Compliant 2010 & 2020
Property and Casualty Insurance License – Marshall Sterling Field Agent, Equine Insurance 2010
USEF Steward and Judges Clinics – 2006, 2007
CHA Seminars and Annual Conference 2021, online webinars 2022
University of Kentucky Conference on Equine Law 2011 – 2020, 2022 - 2023
Pilot Point Posse - Bomb Proof/Obstacle Clinic, Greg Sokoloski, retired Houston Mounted Police 2022
Introduction To Business Valuation – NACVA Oct. 2022
Monthly Posse training with horse
Equitopia Online Classes 2022
U.S. Sport Horse Breeders Association, Online Breeding Webinars 2021 – 2022
Trail Safety Clinic – Dr. Amanda Lawson, DVM, Decatur, TX. Feb. 2023

AREA OF EXPERTISE:

Accident Analysis and Reconstruction	Horse Showing and Training
Equine Liability /Personal Injury	Appraisals
Stable Management	Breeding
Equine/Farm Insurance	Buying and Selling Standards
Trail Riding and Rental Horses	Fraud Analysis
Horse Behavior	Safety Protocol

MEMBERSHIPS:

United States Equestrian Federation
United States Hunter Jumper Association
American Quarter Horse Association
Certified Horsemanship Association, 2021 - 2023
Senior Appraiser, American Society of Equine Appraisers, Lifetime Member
Candidate, American Society of Appraisers, 2021 - 2022
United States Dressage Federation

United States Eventing Association
American Quarter Horse Association
Texas Hunter Jumper Club
German Oldenburg Verband
Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trails Association (LRRETA)
Pilot Point Sherriff's Posse
North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC)
Equine Trail Sports
Brazo Valley Fox Hunting Club
North Texas Search and Rescue
Equitopia member – Online equestrian training resource program – Live classes, videos, blogs, podcasts and webinars concerning all aspects of equestrian care, training and riding.

OTHER EQUINE ACTIVITIES: _____

Camp Greystone, NC former riding instructor 1981
North Texas Hunter Jumper Club – Past Member Board of Directors – 1990-1992
North Texas Hunter Jumper Club – Judge 2008 - Present
Tom McCutcheon Reining Horses Advisory Committee – 2009 – 2012
Developed, Launched and Managed – Tom McCutcheon's VirtualHorseHelp.com 2009 – 2012
Texas Horse Park Foundation Board Member – 2022
North Texas Search and Rescue Board Member - 2022

BOARD ACTIVITIES: _____

North Texas Hunter Jumper Club Board Member 1990 – 1994
City of Flower Mound Tree Board 1992 - 1998
Argyle Education Foundation Founding Board Member 2001 - 2004
Argyle Hilltop Elementary School Building Committee 2002
Southern Methodist University Alumni Board 2017 – 2021
Friends of Sporting Arts Board 2023
City of Argyle 20 Year Plan Committee 2023

PUBLICATIONS: _____

Ms. Brandon or her horses have been featured in the following publications:
Chronicle of Horse: Vol. LXX, NO. 3, page 20, Sinners Prayer
The Plaid Horse: Cover April 2006, Vol 3 Issue II, also page 36, Sinners Prayer
Lone Star Horse Report Vol. 25, Number 5, May 2007 Cover, Journey, foal bred by Ms. Brandon
Lone Star Horse Report Vol. 26, Number 6, June 2008, page 14, Interview of Ms. Brandon
Cover Texas Hoofbeat, April 2005, Kiss This, foal bred by Ms. Brandon

QUALIFIED STATE AND FEDERAL COURT: _____

3 Bench Trials
1 Jury Trial

1 Mediation
 1 Hearing
 17 Depositions
 50 + Cases since 2010
 Currently 50% Defendant/50% Plaintiff
 Practice includes both Consulting and Testifying

CASE EXAMPLES AND THEIR DESCRIPTION	PLAINTIFF/DEFENDANT
Sales and fraud case between Olympic rider and client regarding the purchase of a high dollar Grand Prix Jumper purchased in Europe and imported to the US.	Plaintiff
Divorce case between Blythe Brown (Plaintiff) and Dan Brown (Defendant). Dan Brown is author of The Da Vinci Code. Case involves prized Friesian horses Limited Edition and Da Vinci. Standards in the industry on purchasing horses, trainer/owner relationships and valuation.	Plaintiff – Divorce Case
Bucks' county residents and riders were on trail. Passed by home of another resident, Altner, who was hand grazing horses. Riders' horses spooked and hand grazing horses spooked. Riders blamed hand grazing horse to cause one of riders to fall though riders were already 1 and 1/2 football fields past the horses.	Plaintiff
Suit counter/suit regarding the cloning of Polo horses and the rights to the dna material of the original mares and the clones. Protocol in business breeding and cloning case.	Defendant/Plaintiff
Liability case for trail riding outfit. Long time rider of establishment falls down the side of embankment on horse and breaks ankle. Accident reconstruction, standards in the industry, animal behavior.	Defendant
Liability Case regarding a trail riding outfit where customer's saddle slid to side and rider fell off causing physical injury and surgery. Hired to opine on standards in the industry, accident reconstruction, equine behavior.	Defendant
Imported warmblood stallion electrocuted and died after chewing on fallen electrical lines from a storm. Hired as expert to value stallion and loss of future income, opine on breeding industry and sales industry.	Defendant
Appraised forty-four (44) 5*,4*,3*, retired horses and breeding stock for Bill Gates, Jennifer Gates and Evergate LLC for Estate and Tax purposes.	Estate Appraisal
Appraised 28 Warmblood and Thoroughbred horses for the Estate of Bertrand Firestone	Estate Appraisal
Appraised 19 Warmblood and Thoroughbred horses for the Estate of Dianna Firestone	Estate Appraisal
Appraised 26 Reining horses for the divorce between two professional reining trainers used in the dissolution of their divorce.	Estate Appraisal for Divorce Purposes
Appraised Dressage horse long listed for the US Olympic team due to permanent injury while in the care of a vet.	Plaintiff
Appraised a Pony that won Pony Finals and was sold to a woman for her child and was represented to be much younger than it was, beginner friendly, safe, and a small pony.	Plaintiff