

**ETHICS AND THE DUTY OF LOYALTY:
CAN LAWYERS AND LAW FIRMS MODIFY THESE RULES
AND STILL BE ETHICAL?**

A Panel Discussion

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EDUCATION

University of Texas, Austin, B.A., 1972
St. Mary's University, San Antonio, J.D., December 1976

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas 1977; California 1978, Colorado 2003;
Various US District Courts and Circuit Courts of Appeal

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant General Counsel, State Bar of Texas: 1978-1980
Robinson, Felts, Starnes, Angenend & Mashburn; Civil Trial Attorney, 1980-1987
Wood, Lucksinger & Epstein; Civil Trial Attorney, 1987-1989
1989-2016 Hill, Ducloux, Carnes & de la Garza
2016 – pres. Attorney at Law, private practice, and Director of Education, Ethics and Compliance, Affinipay-LawPay

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President, Travis County Bar Association (now, Austin Bar Association); 1997-1998; every officer position 92-97;
Chair, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 1997-1998
Board Certified: Civil Trial Law, 1984; Civil Appellate Law, 1987
Chair, Texas Bar Foundation 2005-2006; Secretary-Treasurer (04-05); Trustee 2004-2008
Chair, Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism: 2004-06, Trustee 2003-07
Chair, College of the State Bar of Texas; 1992-94; Vice-Chair 1990-92; Director, 1988-98,
Chair, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting (Texas Bar Convention), 2001
Chair, United States Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference, Austin 2004
President, St. Mary's Law School Alumni Association, 2006-07, Trustee, 2001-2008.
Associate, American Board of Trial Advocates, 1999- pres.
Director, State Bar of Texas; District 9, 1998-2001; Executive Committee 1999-2001
(Outstanding 3rd Year Director Award - 2001)
Director, Austin Lawyers Care (now: Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas), 86-89
Director, Austin Young Lawyers Association, 1984-1986
Editor, Travis County Practice Handbook, 1984, 1986
Trustee; St Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas 2007-08
Appointed by Texas Supreme Court to Committee on Disciplinary Rules and Referenda (3 year term-Dec 2017-20)

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

St Thomas More Award- St Mary's University School of Law- 2020 for Exceptional Contributions to Legal Ed.
Distinguished Lawyer Award – Austin Bar Association – Austin Bar Foundation 2019
Luke Soules Award – Litigation Council Award for Outstanding Service to Practice of Law 2019 (Statewide Award)
Lola Wright Foundation Award for Promotion of Legal Ethics, 2013 (Statewide Award)
Gene Cavin Award for Lifetime Excellence in CLE, State Bar of Texas, 2011 (Statewide Award)
Professionalism Award, Austin Bar Association, 2007
Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award, Austin Young Lawyers Association, 2007
Presidential Citations; State Bar of Texas, 2001, 2006, and 2021
Annual Professionalism Award, College of the State Bar of Texas, 2002 (Statewide Award)
W. Frank Newton Award (Annual Pro Bono Award given by State Bar of Texas), 2000 (Statewide Award)
Outstanding Young Lawyer Award, 1987 (Awarded by Austin Young Lawyers Association)
Pro Bono Award, Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas, 1991, 1993, 1997, 1999
SBOT- "Stars of the Bar" Award for Best Article Series "*Entre Nous*", 2003
CLE Speeches and Presentations – Approximately 404 CLE speeches from 01-01-2016 to 12-31-2020 (5 years)

MILITARY SERVICE United States Army; 1st Cavalry Division, 1972-1974 (Awarded
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Credentials

Education

- University of Michigan, J.D., with honors, 1989
- University of Chicago, B.A., with honors, 1986

Professional Background

- Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society, Senior Vice President – Loss Prevention (2011-2019)
 - Attorneys' Liability Assurance Society, Vice President – Senior Claims Counsel (2002-2011)
 - Ameritech Corp, Acting Head of Litigation, Senior Claims Counsel (2000-2002)
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