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Areas of Emphasis

- Serving as City Attorney or Special Counsel to Texas local governments
- Managing a state-wide law firm with 31 personnel (24 attorneys) officing in 7 regions
- Acting as Special Counsel on Ethics (advising Boards of Ethics / Ethics Commissions)
- Conducting Training at international, national, state, regional & local educational events
- Providing Expert Witness testimony

Education

Texas Tech University:

- Doctor of Jurisprudence (1996)
- Master of Public Administration (1996)
- Bachelor of Arts English / Political Science (1990)

Employment

- Managing Partner, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC (2002-present)
- Co-Founder / Vice-President, City Hall Essentials, LLC (2018-present)
- Associate Attorney, Bickerstaff, Heath, *et al.* law firm (1999-2002)
- Assistant General Counsel, Texas Municipal League (1997-1999)
- Staff Attorney, Texas General Land Office - Environmental Law Section (1996-1997)
- Law Clerk, City of Garland (1995)
- Law Clerk, Lloyd Gosselink *et al.* law firm (1994)
- Law Clerk / Intern, City of Lubbock (1993-1995)

Professional Activities

- Board Member, International Municipal Lawyers Association (2018-present)
- Past-President / Board Member, Texas City Attorneys Association (2012-2021)
- Board Member, Texas Tech Public Administration Alumni Association (2015-present)
- National Council Member, American Society for Public Administration (1999)
- Delegate for Municipal Policy Summit, Texas Municipal League (2018)
- Board Member, Scenic Texas (2016-2018)
- Presiding Officer, Land Use Conference, University of Texas School of Law (2014)
- State Chair- Texas, International Municipal Lawyers Association (2011-2018)
- Planning Committee Member, Land Use Conference, University of Texas School of Law (2001-2020)
- Council Member, Government Lawyers Section, State Bar of Texas (2001-2002)
- President, American Society for Public Administration, Central Texas Chapter (1999)

Honors & Licenses

- Local Gov 250, National Academy of Public Administration (2026)
- William P. Hobby Distinguished Service Award, American Society for Public Administration (CenTex Chapter), awarded jointly with Sheila Bojorquez (2025)
- Faculty Award (Thornton Award), International Municipal Lawyers Association (2024)
- Local Government Fellow, International Municipal Lawyers Association (2023)
- Honorary Membership, Texas Municipal Clerks Association (2020)
- Ambassador Award (Hershell Barnes Award), Texas Tech School of Law (2019)
- Judge, President's Awards Program Committee, Texas Downtown Association (2019)
- Honorary Membership, International City/County Management Association (2018)
- Outstanding State Chair, International Municipal Lawyers Association (2012, 2013, 2018)
- Outstanding Government Lawyer, State Bar of Texas, Government Law Section (2018)
- Distinguished Public Administrator Award, American Society for Public Administration, Central Texas Chapter (2017)
- William P. Hobby Distinguished Lecture, Texas Certified Public Manager Seminar (2017)
- Local Government Attorney in Private Practice Award (Marvin J. Glink Award), International Municipal Lawyers Association (2016)
- College of the State Bar of Texas (2011-present)
- Merit Certification in Municipal Law, Texas City Attorneys Association (2009)
- Outstanding Alumnus, Master of Public Administration, Texas Tech University (2005)
- Practitioner Research Award (J. McGrew), American Society for Public Administration, Central Texas Chapter (2003)
- License, Attorney & Counselor at Law, State Bar of Texas (1996)

Publications

- Texas Municipal Law & Procedure Manual, Texas Municipal Clerks Association (7th Ed)
- Governing Well in Ransom Canyon: The Ten Texas Traits of Good Government, Texas Town & City, Texas Municipal League (2026)
- To Inform or Not to Inform, Public Manager, International City/County Management Association (2024)
- Stars at Night: Local Regulation of Outdoor Lighting, Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal, with Ryan Turner, Texas Tech University School of Law (2015)
- Religious Displays in City Hall, Texas Town & City, Texas Municipal League, with Christy Drake-Adams & Scott Houston (2014)
- Open Government & the Net: Bringing Social Media into the Light, Texas Tech Administrative Law Journal, with Damien Shores, Texas Tech University School of Law (2009)
- Email & Government Lawyers, State Bar of Texas- Government Lawyers Section (2004)
- Making Effective Use of Citizen Advisory Boards, Texas Town & City, Texas Municipal League (2003)
- Supreme Court Validates Moratorium, Texas City Attorney Association Newsletter (2002)
- Ya Gotta Draw the Line Somewhere: Redistricting in the New Decade, PA Times, American Society for Public Administration (2001)

- The Line Must Be Drawn Somewhere: Redistricting 2001, PA Times, American Society for Public Administration (August 2000)
- Sand Dollars: The Need for Coastal Erosion Prevention & Response in Texas, State Bar of Texas Environmental Law Journal, with Snapper Carr (1999)
- New Open Government Legislation, Texas Town & City, Texas Municipal League (October 1999)
- Lines in the Sand: An Emergency Response to Coastal Erosion in Texas, PA Times, American Society for Public Administration (September 1998)
- Stemming The Tides: A Cooperative Effort to Stabilize the Texas Shoreline, Texas Town & City, Texas Municipal League (June 1997)
- Privatizing Municipal Solid Waste: Not Necessarily the Answer, MSW Management (1994)

Representative Sampling of Presentations

- Ten Texas Traits of Good Government, Texas Certified Public Manager Program (San Marcos, TX 2026)
- Expectations for Attorney-Client Relationships, International Municipal Lawyers Association (webinar 2025)
- Complications with Open Meetings, State Bar of Texas, Government Law Section (Austin, TX 2025)
- Good Government & Europe's 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance, How to Build an International Certified Public Manager Program Symposium, Texas State University, Texas Certified Public Manager Program & American Society for Public Administration (via videoconference Marrakesh, Morocco 2025)
- Ethics of Good Government: Europe's 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance, International Municipal Lawyers Association (Washington, DC 2025)
- Ethics & Europe's 12 Principles of Good Democratic Governance, International Municipal Lawyers Association (Como, Italy 2024)
- When City Hall is a House Divided: Ethical Challenges for Municipal Attorneys, International Municipal Lawyers Association (Orlando, FL 2024)
- Freedom Audits, Texas Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program (San Marcos, TX 2024)
- Open Government: A Municipal Guide to Open Meetings & Open Records, Texas Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program (Round Rock, TX 2024)
- To Inform or Not to Inform: The Ethics Behind Keeping Your Governing Body in the Know, International City Management Association [w/ R. Wood] (Austin, TX 2023)
- My Client, My Enemy? Ethical Challenges when Representing Cities, International Municipal Lawyers Association (La Quinta, CA 2023); Idaho State Bar Association (Webinar 2024); & Texas City Attorneys Association (South Padre Island, TX 2024)
- How to Chew Gum & Walk at the Same Time: A Panel Discussion with Tips for Newly-Elected Officials, Texas Municipal League (Dallas, TX 2023)
- Cities & Free Speech, Texas Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program (Webinar 2023)
- Are You an Ethical City Official? City Hall Essentials (Webinar 2023)
- Land Use Fundamentals, City Hall Essentials (Webinar 2023)
- Social Media Law for Public Managers, American Society for Public Administration

Worldwide Symposium for Good Governance (Webinar 2023)

- Ethics in City Planning, Land Use Conference, University of Texas School of Law (Austin, TX 2023)
- Career Suicide: Social Media for City Officials, City Hall Essentials (Webinar 2022)
- Ethical Issues for Government Lawyers, State Bar of Texas, Government Law Section (San Antonio, TX 2022)
- Ethics at City Hall, City of Laredo, TX (2021)
- Boards of Adjustment, Land Use Conference, University of Texas School of Law (Austin, TX 2021)
- Ethics & Fostering Integrity at City Hall, Texas City Attorneys Association (Austin, TX 2020)
- When is a Conversation Criminal: Open Meetings, Free Speech & Walking Quorums, Texas Municipal League – Texas Municipal Clerks Association (San Antonio, TX 2019)
- Drafting Municipal Codes of Ethics, Texas City Attorneys Association (Bastrop, TX 2018)
- Ethics & Internal Personnel Investigations, International Municipal Lawyers Association (Niagara Falls, Canada 2017)
- Integrity at City Hall: Ethics & Codes of Conduct, New Mexico Municipal Attorney Association (Albuquerque, NM 2016)
- Planning with Integrity, American Planning Association-Texas Chapter (San Antonio 2016)
- Ethics for Municipal Lawyers, Arkansas City Attorneys Association (Little Rock, AR 2016)
- Municipal Court 101, Texas City Attorneys Association (Dallas, TX 2015)
- Integrity in Public Service, Texas Certified Public Manager Program (Austin, TX 2015)
- Municipal Regulation of Outdoor Lighting, International Municipal Lawyers Association (Washington, DC 2015)
- Zoning Boards of Adjustment DOs & DON'Ts, American Planning Association-Texas Chapter (Frisco, TX 2014)
- Municipal Annexation, Texas Secretary of State's Election Seminar (Austin, TX 2014)
- Grandfathering & Nonconformities, Land Use Conference, University of Texas School of Law (Austin, TX 2013)
- HR, Open Records & Records Retention, Texas Municipal Human Resources Association (Horseshoe Bay, TX 2012)
- Ethics Challenges Unique to City Attorneys, Texas City Attorneys Association (San Antonio, TX 2008)
- Developer Districts: One City Attorney's Perspective, Texas Rural Water Association (Austin, TX 2008)
- It's New To Me: Grandfathered Land Developments, Land Use Conference, University of Texas School of Law (Austin, TX 2006)
- Give Me a Sign: Regulating Street Graphics, Texas City Attorneys Association (South Padre Island, TX 2005)
- Blinded by the Light: Ethical Implications of "Sunshine Laws" on Municipal Lawyers, State Bar of Texas- Government Law Section (Austin, TX 2004)
- Ethics Commissions, International Municipal Lawyers Association (San Antonio, TX

2004)

- In the Eye of the Beholder: Municipal Regulation of Aesthetic Harm, Land Use Conference, University of Texas School of Law (Austin, TX 2002)
- Public Access: The Basics of Open Meetings & Open Records, Association of Mayors, Councilmembers & Commissioners (Waco, TX 2002)
- Conflicts of Interest & Local Government Ethics, Texas Municipal League (Houston, TX 2001)
- Well, Isn't That Special: Special Elections, Recall, Rollback & Recount, Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program (Austin, TX 2001)
- Sand Dollars: The Need for Coast Erosion Prevention & Response, American Society for Public Administration (San Diego, CA 2000)
- Let's Talk About Sex, Baby: Recognizing & Preventing Gender Harassment, Association of Mayors, Councilmembers & Commissioners (Lubbock, TX 1999)
- Lines in the Sand: An Emergency Response to Coastal Erosion in Texas, American Society for Public Administration (Seattle, WA 1998)

Teaching Credentials

- Senior Instructor, Texas Certified Public Manager (CPM) Program, Texas State University, Good Government, Legal Concerns about Social Media for Government Officials, Open Government, Cities & Free Speech (2001- present)
- Guest Speaker for Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program courses, Texas State University (2025)
- Guest Speaker for Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program ethics courses, Texas Tech University (2023-2024)
- Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Texas State University-San Marcos, Problems in American Politics, American Political Institutions, Intergovernmental Relations, Organizational Theory (5 semesters, 1998-2003)
- Delivered more than 320 live, in-person presentations at conferences, seminars & symposia
- Conducted more than 30 webinars / videoconference presentations

Expert Credentials

- Municipal Incorporation in Texas: Quoted in published articles regarding the law applicable to the Municipal Incorporation of Starbase, Texas by SpaceX / Elon Musk: *Los Angeles Times* (April 2, 2021), *Dallas Morning News* (April 6, 2021) & *New York Times* (December 24, 2024, May 3, 2025), *Texas Tribune* (April 24, 2025), *Houston Chronicle* (May 1, 2025), *Wall Street Journal* (May 2 & 2, 2025)
- Open Government:
 - Texas Open Meetings Act: Expert Witness for the Defense, *State v Doyal*, criminal case (Montgomery County 2018)
 - Open Records: Named Counsel, *In Re: City of Georgetown*, Texas Public Information Act case (Texas Supreme Court 2001)
 - Cited in Opinion as expert on the Texas Open Meetings Act, *Esperanza Peace & Justice Center v. City of San Antonio* (U.S. W.D. TX 2001)
 - Advised local governments on Open Government issues (1997-present)