

Judge Sheri Y. Dean
Former Judge
of the
309TH Judicial District Court
Sheri Y. Dean Mediation and Arbitration
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Judicial Experience

Judge of the 309TH Judicial District Court since September, 2010 – December 2018

State of Texas Visiting Judge for Courts by assignment from Regional Administrative Judges – 2019 - Current

Professional Experience

Mediator – Civil since 1997

Arbitrator – Civil since 2019

Practice of Civil and Family Law since June 1992

Qualified Mediator in Family Law and Civil Law since 1997

Served extensively as Court Appointed Guardian/Attorney Ad Litem and Amicus Attorney Litigation

Extensive trial experience including bench and jury trials on the merits.

Extensive settlement experience with parties through mediation/arbitration and party settlement conferences

Additional areas of practice in Social Security Law - with an emphasis on Disability Claims for Title II and Title XXVI and Private Long Term Disability Claims from 1992 to 2010.

Employment

Current State of Texas Visiting Judge for Family Courts by assignment from Regional Administrative Judges

Current Mediator Arbitration -- Civil and Family

- 2010 – 2018 Presiding Judge 309TH Judicial Court, Harris County Texas
- 1992 -2010 Law Firm of Sheri Y. Dean & Associates
- 1991 Dunn, Kacal, Pappas & Law - Law Clerk
- 1990-91 Houston Bar Association - Moderated Settlement Conference Assistant and Mock Trial Program instructor
- 1986-1989 New York Life Insurance Agent – Specializing in Health, Life and Disability policies. Qualified/Recognized for the following:
First Year Commission Leader, Disability and Health Insurance Pro, and Million Dollar Roundtable
- 1976-1989 Abett Medical Mart – Vice President of Marketing and Personnel - Management of eight locations in three states, home base Tyler, Texas

Education

South Texas College of Law - J. D. 1991
Member of Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity
President of Women's Legal Forum

University of Texas at Austin
Bachelor of Business Administration. 1976 - Dean's list, Fall and Spring, 1976.

Tyler Junior College –
Associates Degree in Accounting, Cum Laude Graduate -1974.

Continuing Judicial Education

- 2021 Annual Judicial Conference for Region 11
- 2021 Annual Judicial Conference for Region 11
- 2020 Annual Judicial Conference for Region 11
- 2019 Annual Judicial Conference for Region 11
- 2014 Winter Regional Conference; *Judicial Conduct in the 21ST Century: A Common Sense Approach to Modern Ethical Dilemmas*
- 2013 Regional Judicial Conference
- 2012 Winter Regional Conference
- 2011 Regional Judicial Conference
- 2010 Role of the Judge
- 2010 College for New Judges

Continuing Legal Education

- 2022 Advanced Family Law Seminar
- 2021 Advanced Family Law Seminar
- 2020 Advanced Family Law Seminar

2018 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2017 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2016 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2015 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2014 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2013 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2012 TAFLS Trial Institute
 2012 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2011 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2009 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2007 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2005 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2004 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2003 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2002 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2001 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 2001 Ultimate Trial Notebook - Family Law
 2000 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 1999 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 1998 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 1997 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 1997 Received certificate of A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute for completing 40 hours of mediation training
 1997 Received certificate of A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute for completing 24 hours of advance training: Divorce & child custody (family) mediation training
 1996 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 1996 Houston Volunteer Lawyer Family Law Institute
 1994 Advanced Family Law Seminar
 1993 Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, University of Texas at Austin

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

Burta Rhodes Raborn Family Law Inn of Court Associate Member
 A. A. White Dispute Resolution Center
 Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce
 Friends of Bay Area Turning Point Crisis Center (For Domestic Violence Shelter and Services)
 Houston Bar Association, Since 1992
 Houston Christian Chamber of Commerce
 Houston Volunteer Lawyers
 Houston Lawyer Referral Service, Since 1992
 Interfaith Caring Ministries- Volunteer/Contributor- Clear Lake Area
 National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives
 State Bar of Texas Since 1992
 State Bar of Texas - Family Law Section, Since 1992
 Supreme Court of Texas Since 1992
 Texas Supreme Court Harris County CPS Task Force Committee
 Harris County Judicial Jury Committee

Texas Family Law Foundation Lifetime Membership

Author and Lecturer

“*Social Security Benefits and the Effect on Your Family Law Client*,” (author and co-lecturer), 28th Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas, April 2005.

”*Did That Really Just Happen to Me?*” Ethics and Professionalism: Attorneys, Clients and the Judiciary; Burta Rhodes Raborn Family Law Inn of Court, April 2014.

“*A Practical Application of the 3P’s of Evidence: Preparation, Presentation and Proving Up*” and “*Do’s and Don’ts in Trial*,” (author and co-lecturer) Houston Bar Association Family Law Section presents Essentials of Family Law Evidence, November 2011.

National Business Institute Judicial Forum, “*What Family Court Judges Want You to Know*” (co-lecturer), November 2011.

“*How to Make Us Happy*”, (panel discussion) Houston Volunteer Lawyers’ Annual Family Law Seminar, May 2013.

National Business Institute Judicial Forum, “*As Family Court Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Litigating Divorce*” (co-lecturer), November 2013.

Houston Area Pastor Council, Panel Discussion: “*How Can Our Churches Better Serve Our Courts?*”, April 2013.

“*Nuts and Bolts of Handling Divorce*”, (speaker) Houston Volunteer Lawyers, January 2013.

Advocate University, Pre-Law Night, 2011 – 2013.

”*Where do we go from here? Tips on identifying, addressing, and effectively presenting evidence relating to parental alienation.*” HBA Family Law Section Luncheon Meeting - January 3, 2018

“*As Family Court Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Litigation Divorce*”, National Business Institute, November 2, 2017.

Church Affiliation

Clear Lake United Methodist Church

Personal History

Date of Birth:	June 30, 1954
Date of Marriage:	July 20, 1974
Spouse:	Lance Dean (my high school sweetheart and husband of 45 years)
Children:	Lance, II (38), Spencer (37), Stan (34)
Grandchildren	Joe, Abby, Isabel, Clare and Liam

Born and raised by parents Maxine and Herb Youngberg in Tyler, Texas, with two sisters Nancy and Diana.