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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

F PHILLIPS LAW PLLC, Houston, Texas

January 2025 to present

Mediator, Arbitrator, Special Master, Special Judge, Umpire, Special Commissioner. Also currently serving as a visiting judge for Region 11 which covers Harris County and Fort Bend County.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, Harris County, Texas

January 2017 to December 2024

Presided over civil litigation matters in hundreds of jury and bench trials. Ruled on thousands of legal motions involving civil matters. Civil cases include complex business disputes, trade secrets disputes, personal injury matters, employment law, contract disputes, property disputes, debt collection, delinquent taxes, injunctive relief, and more. Served as chair of various committees in the civil judges' division including chairing the facilities committee, security committee, and technology committee. Served as presiding judge of the seizure/forfeiture docket for 2 years. Frequent speaker at law school and legal organization events on various topics.

FREDERICKA PHILLIPS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Houston, Texas

October 2006 to December 2016

Attorney/General Counsel. Represented businesses and individuals as both plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal courts in Texas and across the US. Practice included business/commercial litigation, real property litigation, contract claims, personal injury claims, premises liability claims, employment claims, and collections. Handled all phases of litigation from pre-litigation to discovery, depositions, mediations, motions practice, and trial. Also served as General Counsel for group of affiliated businesses and oversaw outside counsel throughout litigation.

COATS, ROSE, YALE, RYMAN & LEE, Houston, Texas

August 2000 to Sept. 2006

Associate. Civil litigation practice in which docket consisted of 70% civil defense in commercial and residential construction matters (contract claims to product liability claims and more) and personal injury defense, and 30% creditor and collections work. Handled all phases of litigation including discovery, depositions, mediations, motions practice, and trial. Also served as Ad Litem in Heirship and Guardianship matters.

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- Admitted to bar 2000, State of Texas
- Admitted to practice in all Texas state courts, the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of Texas, and the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

EDUCATION:

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW - Houston, Texas

J.D. Degree May 2000

Graduated top 25% of class

Honors and Activities

Dean's List

Member, South Texas Law Review

C. J. S. in Contracts (Highest grade of class)

Finalist for Williamson Legal Writing Award

LAMAR UNIVERSITY - Beaumont, Texas

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, *Cum Laude* Dec. 1996

Honors and Activities

Cap and Gown Chapter of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Dean's List

Lamar University Pre-Law Society President

Student Government Association

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) certified volunteer - 1996 to 1997