

As a former child abuse caseworker and judge, Angie has witnessed firsthand the destruction that protracted conflict causes in families. Her experience has led her to believe strongly in interest-based settlements of family conflict. She encourages her clients to consider the collaborative law process, because it allows them to fashion their own solutions and begin anew in the best manner possible. As a widely recognized advocate of collaborative law, Angie has traveled around the U.S. teaching the process to other lawyers, psychologists and financial professionals.

Angie began her law career in 1987 as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Texas. After her clerkship, she joined Tom Goranson in a family law practice. From 1992 to 1995 she served as an Associate Judge in both the 256th and 254th Judicial District Courts. She returned to practice family law with Mr. Goranson and Paula Larsen in 1996, building the firm that exists today.

Board certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, Angie is active on the speaking circuit of the State Bar of Texas. She is a member of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Angie has served on the board of the Dallas Child Advocacy Center and Planned Parenthood of North Texas. Her other passions include family, farming and travel.

Areas of Practice

CERTIFICATION / SPECIALTIES

Board Certified in Family Law,
Texas Board of Legal
Specialization, 1993



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- Alimony & Maintenance
- Asset and Wealth Identification & Valuation
- Child Custody & Visitation
- Child Support
- Collaborative Law
- Cohabitation Agreements
- Complex Property Divisions
- Common Law Marriage
- Divorce
- Expert Testimony on Family Law
- Family Law
- Mediation
- Modifications
- Paternity
- Post Judgment Modifications & Enforcement
- Premarital and Post-marital Agreements
- Property Division

Education

- Southern Methodist University School of Law, 1987
 - J.D. (Cum Laude), Law
 - Honors: Order of the Coif
 - Honors: Chairperson, Law Fellows Tutorial Barristers
 - Honors: Sarah T. Hughes Federal Courts Award
 - Honors: Koons, Rasor, Fuller & McCurley Family Law

- • Award
 - Law Journal: Journal of Air Law & Commerce, Staff Editor

- Texas A&M University, 1976
 - B.S. (Cum Laude), Rural Sociology

Presentations

- The Empty Nest Divorce, Dallas Bar Association, 2013
- Standing for the Not So Nuclear Family, Innovations – Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation, University of Texas School of Law, 2012
- Application of the Collaborative Law Procedures to Will, Probate, Trust and Guardianship Disputes, Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Court, State Bar of Texas, 2012
- Preparing for Financial Negotiations, Collaborative Law Course, 2011
- Stages of the Process – Discussion of Micro and Macro, Collaborative Law 101, 2011
- Conflicting Court-Appointed Mental Health Expert Roles, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 2009
- The Power of Neutrality in the Collaborative Process, Collaborative Law Spring Conference, 2008
- Disputes and the Collaborative Interdisciplinary Approach, Dallas Bar Association, 2008
- Difficult Collaborative Law Negotiations, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 2006
- Getting Past Impasse in Collaborative Law, Advanced

- Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 2005
- Same Sex Parenting, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 2005
- How to Deal with the Difficult Lawyer, Dallas Bar Association, Legal Ethics Course, 2005
- Dealing with the Difficult Lawyer, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 2004
- Summary Judgment Practice in Family Law, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 2003
- Characterization: 20 Questions, 20 Answers, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 2002
- Creative Uses of Summary Judgment, Advanced Family Course, State Bar of Texas, 2001
- Voluminous Document Control, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 2000
- Practicing Law for Fun and Profit, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 1999
- Infant Visitation: Expectation of Parties, Child Development Issues, Practicalities, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, 1998
- Defending Against the Financial Temporary Hearing, Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas, 1997
- Evidence — Get a Grip, Advanced Family Law Course for Legal Assistants and Other Professionals, State Bar of Texas, Legal Assistant's Division, 1996
- Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas, 1996
- Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs, 1996

- An Asset & Liability Primer, Dallas Bar Association Family Law Pro Bono Seminar, 1996
- Child Custody and Visitation Seminar, National Business Institute, 1996
- Sexual Abuse Allegations in Custody Cases, Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas, 1995
- Pre-Trial Proceedings — Use of Stipulations, Marriage Dissolution Institute, State Bar of Texas, 1994
- Temporary Orders Hearings, Dallas Bar Association, Pro Bono Training, 1994
- Beyond the Guidelines: Creative Use of the Child Support Guidelines, Tarrant County Bar Association, Family Law Section, 1992
- Your Rights In Custody Hearings: Preparing For and Being Deposed, Associated Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 1992
- Examination of the Expert: How to Dress and Un-dress the CPA on the Witness Stand, Dallas Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs, 1992

Honors & Awards

- Dallas 500 – The Most Powerful Business Leaders in Dallas Fort-Worth, 2016
- Selected to “Best Lawyers in Dallas: Family Law”, D Magazine, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011 – 2014
- Selected to “Best Women Lawyers in Dallas: Family Law”, D Magazine, 2009
- Selected to “Best Personal Lawyers in Dallas: Family Law”, D Magazine, 2009

- Selected to the Texas Super Lawyers list, Thomson Reuters, 2003-2019
- Selected to the “Top 10: Texas Super lawyers” list, Thomson Reuters, 2009
- Selected to the “Top 50: Women Texas Super Lawyers” list, Thomson Reuters, 2003 – 2015
- Selected to the “Top 100: Texas Super Lawyers” list, Thomson Reuters, 2004-2006, 2009-2015
- Selected to the “Top 100: Dallas/Fort Worth Region Super Lawyer” list, Thomson Reuters, 2003 – 2006, 2008 – 2015
- Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© in the field of Family Law, Woodward and White Press, 1995 – 2021
- Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© in the field of Collaborative Law: Family Law, Woodward and White Press, 2017 – 2021

Bar Admissions

- Texas, 1987
 - U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas, 1987

Professional Associations

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
 - Fellow, 2015
- Collaborative Divorce Texas (f/k/a Collaborative Law Institute of Texas)

- - Member

- Collaborative Divorce Dallas (f/k/a The Collaborative Alliance)
 - Member

- Committee for a Qualified Judiciary
 - Member

- Dallas Bar Association, Family Law Section
 - Member

- Dallas Bar Foundation
 - Member

- State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section
 - Member
 - District 6 Grievance Committee

- Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists
 - Member

- Texas Bar Foundation

- • Fellow
- Texas Family Law Foundation
 - Member
- Attorneys Serving the Community
 - Volunteer, 1996 – 1998
- Planned Parenthood of North Texas
 - Board Member, 2007-2016
- Citizens for a Qualified Judiciary
 - Board of Directors
- Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center
 - Board Member, 2001– 2006
- Dallas Women’s Foundation
 - Board of Directors, 2015
- Dallas Independent School District
 - Tutor volunteer
- First Unitarian Church in Dallas

- - Choir Member

- Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School
 - Advisory Board