

Entrepreneurs, business owners, lawyers, doctors and their spouses all trust Aimee to provide thoughtful and efficient solutions to the most complex family law matters. She recognizes that her clients have worked a lifetime to attain success and devises effective strategies to value their time and protect their interests and achievements.

Aimee specializes in cases involving business valuation and division, custody and parenting, and mental health and substance abuse issues. A Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Aimee has earned the esteem of judges and peers for her exceptional work in representing clients and helping to shape family law in Texas.

Aimee understands small business matters, including organization, ownership and stock interests, and bonus structures. She recently negotiated a settlement which allowed a business owner to maintain a growing entity without having to sell, while transferring the spouse's interest into a flexible payout plan and maintaining the desired confidentiality of the parties.

In managing complex custody cases, Aimee draws heavily on her master's degree in social work. She is known as an empathetic lawyer who helps clients navigate the greatest challenges of their lives. When representing a client with a serious substance abuse issue, Aimee helped structure an arrangement that involved drug testing, counseling and treatment. She salvaged her client's conservatorship rights, protected the children, and empowered the client to return to unsupervised possession quickly.

CERTIFICATION / SPECIALTIES

Board Certified in Family Law,
Texas Board of Legal
Specialization, 2012

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Aimee is on the cutting edge of changes in family law, serving on the State Bar of Texas Family Law Council legislative committee that shapes child support and family law policy. She is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, and is trained in collaborative law. Among her recognitions, Aimee has been selected to “Best Lawyers in Dallas: Family Law by D Magazine”, 2017, 2019 and 2020, and named to the Texas Super Lawyers Top 100: Texas Super Lawyers, Top 100: Dallas/ Fort Worth Super Lawyers and Top 50: Women Texas Super Lawyers lists, Thomson Reuters, 2017-2019.

When working with parents and children, Aimee speaks from experience and compassion: she is the proud mom of three young children, including twins



How to Prepare for a Divorce When Your Spouse has a Substance Abuse Problem



Dallas Divorce Attorney Explains How to Gain Financial Security in a Divorce

Areas of Practice

- Adoption
- Alimony & Maintenance
- Asset and Wealth Identification & Valuation
- Child Custody & Visitation
- Child Support
- Collaborative Law
- Complex Property Divisions
- Contempt & Enforcement
- Divorce
- Family Law
- Mediation
- Modifications
- Paternity
- Post Judgment Modifications & Enforcement
- Premarital and Post-marital Agreements
- Property Division

- Same sex custody agreements and contractual property agreements

Published Works

- Ask the Expert – Mental Health, D Magazine, 2017
- Author, “Divorce and Domestic Violence: When Family Law Meets Criminal Law” American Bar Association, Vol. 32 No. 4, August, 2015

Education

- The University of Texas School of Law, 2003
 - J.D., Law
 - Law Review: Texas International Law Journal
- University of Texas in Austin, 1998
 - M.S.S.W., with Honors, Social Work
- University of Texas in Austin, 1996
 - B.A., with Honors, Psychology

Presentations

- “Overlap Issues in Family Law”, Dallas Bar – Criminal Law Section Meeting, Co-Presenter, 2019
- “Evidence 101 for Family Lawyers”, Family and Veterans Advocacy Clinic, Texas A&M University School of Law, 2019
- Trial Presentation, TAFLS Trial Institute, Texas Academy of

- Family Law Specialists, 2019
- “Enforcing and Modifying Family Law Orders and Decrees”, Texas Family Law Practice for Paralegals, 2019
- Innovations: Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation, State Bar of Texas, Course Director, 2019
- “Creating Harmony”, State Bar of Texas, Collaborative Law Course, Presenter, 2018
- “Grandparents and Third Party Standing”, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, Author and Presenter, 2017
- The New Normal – Modern Family Issues in a Changing Landscape, Innovations: Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation, State Bar of Texas, Moderator, 2017
- “Go Beyond the Forms: Effectively Drafting Family Law Orders”, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Author and Presenter, August 2016
- “Assisting with Child Support Calculations,” Blue Moon Paralegal Seminar, Author and Presenter, February 2014
- “Mental Health Issues and the Impact on Family Law Cases,” Collin County Family Law Section, Author and Presenter, February 2014
- “Impact of Domestic Violence on Family Law,” Facing Violence Conference, Author and Presenter, October 2013
- “Grandparent Access and Rights and Duties,” Smart Decisions Conference Speaker, February 2013
- “Protective Orders and Family Law,” Collin County Bar Association, Author and Presenter, January 2013
- “Family Law Primer for Federal Employees,” Department of Homeland Security Presentation, Presenter November 2012.
- Using a Computer Forensic Expert, Family Law Technology Course, State Bar of Texas, Co-Author 2012

- Property Update, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Co-Author 2012
- Turbo Charge Your Collaborative Practice, Advanced Family Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Co-Author 2012
- “Recent and Anticipated Developments in Texas Family Law,” Blue Moon Paralegal Seminar, Author and Presenter, September 2012
- “Assisting with Child Custody Cases,” Blue Moon Paralegal Seminar, Author and Presenter, September 2012
- “Standing in Family Law,” Collin County Bar Association, April 2012, Author and Presenter
- “Legislative Updates and Family Law Code Updates,” Collin County Bench Bar Author and Presenter
- “Legislative Changes to Spousal Maintenance Provisions in the Texas Family Code,” Collin County Young Lawyers Bulletin, January 2012
- “Standing for the Not So Nuclear Family,” Innovations—Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation, January 2012, Co-Author
- “A Modest Primer on Business Ownership, Divorce and the Courts,” New Frontiers in Family Law, October 2011, Co-Author
- “Informed Consent in Collaborative Law,” October 2011, Co-Presenter
- “Collaborative Law Basics and Legislative Updates,” Dallas Bar Association, October 2011, Co-Presenter
- “Collaborative Law Basics for Corporations and Social Groups,” 2010-present, Presenter
- “What’s your status? Common Law Marriage in Modern Days,” Dallas Bar Association, Headnotes, June 2010, Co-Author
- “Digging Up Dirt—Creative Discovery Techniques in Family

- Law,” University of Houston Law Foundation, Advanced Discovery Techniques Workshop, December 2004, Presenter and Co-Author

Honors & Awards

- Selected to the “Best Lawyers in Dallas: Family Law”, D Magazine, 2017, 2019 and 2020
- Selected to the Texas Super Lawyers list, Thomson Reuters, 2014 – 2019
- Selected to the “Top 100: Texas Super Lawyers” List, Thomson Reuters, 2017 – 2019
- Selected to the “Top 100: Dallas/Fort Worth Super Lawyers” List, Thomson Reuters, 2017- 2019
- Selected to the “Top 50: Women Texas Super Lawyers” List, Thomson Reuters, 2017 – 2019
- Selected to the Texas Rising Star list, Thomson Reuters, 2006 – 2013
- Inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America© in the field of Family Law, Woodward and White Press, 2015 – 2020
- Dallas Young Lawyers Association Leadership Class Member, 2006

Bar Admissions

- Texas, 2003
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2014
- U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas

Professional Associations

- American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

- - Fellow

- American Bar Association, Family Law Section and GP/Solo Section
 - Member

- American Bar Foundation
 - Fellow

- Annette Stewart American Inn of Court
 - Member
 - Member Chair, 2014 – present

- Collaborative Divorce Texas (f/k/a Collaborative Law Institute of Texas)
 - Member

- Collaborative Professionals of Dallas
 - Member
 - Secretary

- Collin County Bar Association, Family Law Section
 - Member
 - President, 2017 – 2018

- Collin County Young Lawyers Association
 - Member
 - Vice President, 2010-2012

- Curt B. Henderson American Inn of Court
 - Member

- Dallas Bar Association, Collaborative Law and Family Law Section
 - Member
 - Family Law Section Board Member, 2015-2018

- Dallas Bar Foundation
 - Fellow

- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals
 - Member

- Legacy Family Court Foundation
 - Board Member

- State Bar of Texas, Collaborative Law and Family Law Section
 - Member

- • Marriage Dissolution, Course Director, 2017
- Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists
 - Member
- Texas Bar Foundation
 - Fellow
- Texas Family Law Foundation
 - Member
- Junior League of Dallas

Client Recommendations

- When I first met Aimee I was terrified. I didn't see the divorce coming and my spouse had already hired another top Dallas firm. He had deep pockets. I was a stay-at-home mother. I was in shock and ignorant about my rights. My life seemed to be falling apart and I felt helpless. I was immediately impressed by Aimee's demeanor. She is articulate, professional and confident. She listened intently to me during my consultation. She advised me that my situation was "unsustainable" and explained the strengths of my position. Aimee said to mark the date on my calendar because in a year's time my life would be transformed for the better. I chose the collaborative process and Aimee brought the best team of professionals to my case. The process is slow, but deliberate. At times I was frustrated, but Aimee was always responsive. She was sensitive to my budget and I never felt "nickel and

- dined.” She returned my calls and emails promptly. She is in demand and has a busy schedule, but she always made me feel that my case was important. I believed she cared. The collaborative process broke down despite our best efforts, so Aimee advised we move to mediation. Again, the judge she engaged was tough, fair and wise. It was a grueling day and Aimee fought hard. In the end she won the best settlement possible and I am sure I couldn’t have found a better advocate. So a year later, Aimee has made good on her promise. My life truly is transformed. My retirement is secure and my debts are paid. I have a great job, a bit of money in the bank and a charming little house where my child can grow and thrive. Aimee’s confidence is contagious- I am no longer scared. Indeed, the future seems bright and full of promise thanks to Aimee’s skill, vision, and tenacity to win the best possible settlement for her clients. – Anonymous, 2013
- I didn’t know anything about Aimee Pingnot when I chose her to be my divorce attorney. However, five minutes after meeting her for the first time, I knew I had lucked out. She is very bright and focused on the business at hand. She can be tough at times, but she can also be compassionate as she helped me get through some rough moments in my divorce process. I have nothing but praise for Aimee and her staff. Without hesitation, I would recommend her to anybody that needs a family law attorney. – Fred, 2013

- I would highly recommend Aimee. She kept me sane, kept me up to date at all times and worked tirelessly to resolve my case in the least expensive manner as possible. Although my case turned into a long drawn out event, I never felt that Aimee overcharged me or “nickle and dimed” me for each email/phone call/update. Her billing was very fair and accurate and I never questioned any charges. She is worth her weight in gold. Her team is on target, up to date and was always there for me when I needed them. She is an amazing person as well as an excellent lawyer! – Lea, 2013