**Jonathan James**

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**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Hance Law Group, PC,** Dallas, Texas

*Associate Attorney*, April 2015 - Present

* Extensive experience with complex property divorces, custody disputes and modifications, high profile cases, and pre-marital and post-marital agreements
* Handle demanding case load with minimal supervision
* Synthesize and explain complex legal issues for clients to best prepare and inform them throughout a case
* Participate as first and second chair in numerous hearings including temporary orders hearings, discovery disputes, protective order hearings, other dispositive motions and final trials
* Experienced with extensive drafting including motions, pleadings, discovery, pre-/post-marital agreements, informal and mediated settlement agreements, temporary orders, parenting plans, and final decrees of divorce
* Serve as primary contact for clients throughout a case—from initial consultation to closing

**McClure Law Group, PC,** Dallas, Texas

*Associate Attorney*, April 2013 – March 2015

* Practice in all areas of Family Law including divorce, child custody, pre-/post-marital agreements, modifications, enforcement of court orders, protective orders, grandparent rights, paternity issues, collaborative law, and mediation

**Law Office of L.R. Tipton,** Dallas, Texas

*Attorney*, September 2012- April 2013

* Represent mortgage servicers and financial institutions in forcible detainer hearings in Justice Court throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area
* Assist the attorney in researching and drafting for general civil litigation matters

**Court of Appeals, Second District of Texas,** Fort Worth, Texas

*Intern for the Honorable Justice Bob McCoy,* January 2012 – May 2012

* Assisted with researching and drafting opinions
* Observed oral arguments and complex civil litigation matters

**Office of the Attorney General of Texas - Child Support Division,** Fort Worth, Texas

*Summer Law Clerk,* June 2011 - August 2011

* Reviewed and prepared over 75 case files weekly for the court docket
* Drafted motions and orders including child support orders, commitment orders, and temporary orders
* Aided in establishing, modifying, and enforcing child support orders
* Facilitated and mediated conservatorship, access and visitation, and child and medical support for

custodial/non-custodial parents

* Attended state-wide Assistant Attorney Generals Conference in Austin in July 2011

**Law Office of Wally Wadsworth,** Duncanville, Texas

*Law Clerk*, December 2010 - May 2011

Compiled client information in Bankruptcy Pro for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Bankruptcy filing

Drafted reaffirmation agreements for clients

Aided the attorney in negotiating repayment agreements with creditors

**Judge Curt B. Henderson - Collin County District Court # 219**, McKinney, Texas

*Intern for the Honorable Judge Curt B. Henderson*, June 2009 – August 2009

Filed exhibits and catalogued evidence for the Court

* Formulated, developed, and executed new office organizational system
* Observed trials and jury selection for civil and criminal cases

**EDUCATION**

**Texas Wesleyan University School of Law,** Fort Worth, Texas

(now Texas A&M University School of Law)

*Juris Doctorate,* May 2012

GPA: 3.313, top 25% of class

* Texas Wesleyan Journal of Real Property Law, Articles Citation Editor

Dean’s List, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, and Fall 2011

Phi Delta Phi International Legal Fraternity

Moot Court Honor Society

**Baylor University**, Waco, Texas

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science,* May 2009

GPA: 3.47

Awarded Baylor Provost Scholarship

Kappa Sigma Fraternity Alumnae Chair

**PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HONORS**

Rising Star, SuperLawyers®, 2019, 2020, 2021– A peer-voted honor given to only about 5% of the lawyers in the state of Texas.

*The Best Lawyers in America©*,2020, 2021

**COMMUNITY AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Pro bono work for victims of domestic violence in partnership with Genesis Women’s Shelter & Support and Emily’s Place

Annette Stewart Inn of Court, Member

Dallas Bar Association, Family Law Section, Member

Dallas Bar Association Bench Bar Planning Committee, 2019

Collin County Bar Association, Member

Texas Bar College, Member

**PUBLICATION**

Co-Author, “*Five Tips to Protect and Maintain Your Separate Property*”, Dallas Bar Association Headnotes, September 2019.

Author, “*Rights of First Refusal in Custody Cases*”, State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section Report, Volume 2017-6 (Winter).

Author, “*Custody Fight: When Grandparents or Other Relatives Seek Parental Rights*”, Texas Bar Journal, November 2017.

Author, “*Kid Duty: The Right of First Refusal in Custody Cases and How it Can Backfire*”, Texas Bar Journal, July 2017.

**CERTIFICATIONS AND SOFTWARE**

* Board Certified in Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
* Bar Admission, State Bar of Texas, November 2012
* Collaborative Law trained

Westlaw research certified in Case Law, Statutes, and Secondary Sources

Proficient in Thompson Reuters ProDoc, Microsoft Office applications and Word Perfect