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<b>Education</b>	<b>Baylor University School of Law</b> Juris Doctor; GPA: 3.07/4.00; Rank: 68/125	Waco, TX <i>Feb. 2014</i>
	<b>Purdue University</b> B.S. in Economics with Honors, Psychology Minor	West Lafayette, IN <i>Dec. 2010</i>
<b>Experience</b>	<b>Law Office of Robert Tsai, PLLC</b> <i>Managing Attorney – Family Law</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Managing attorney for a full caseload (50+) of family law cases</li><li>• First chair in three jury trials in Harris County, Texas</li><li>• First chair in multiple bench trials, hearings, and enforcements</li></ul>	Houston, TX <i>Mar. 2022-present</i>
	<b>Walters Gilbreath, PLLC</b> <i>Senior Associate Attorney – Family Law</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First chair in twelve bench trials to ruling regarding contested child custody and/or property issues</li><li>• First chair in a jury trial to verdict in Brazos County, Texas regarding a breach of contract case involving an Islamic marriage contract</li><li>• Attend and argue hearings on all stages of divorce and child custody cases</li><li>• Draft decrees for divorces, modifications, and suits affecting the parent-child relationship</li><li>• Successfully mediates divorce and modification cases with child custody and property issues</li><li>• Handle all discovery in approximately twenty (25) active cases</li><li>• Taken and/or defended over seventy (70) depositions, including experts</li></ul>	Houston, TX <i>Feb. 2016-Feb. 2022</i>
	<b>Engvall &amp; Lopez, LLP</b> <i>Associate Attorney – Civil Defense Litigation Docket</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First-chaired a jury trial from voir dire through verdict alleging breach of contract before the Honorable Clyde Leuchtag in the Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 1</li><li>• Independently managed three (3) cases in San Antonio and Beaumont alleging various liability theories ranging from negligence to fraud</li><li>• Worked on over twenty (20) active, in litigation, cases including multi-million property damage and serious personal injury cases</li><li>• Facilitated a two-day mock trial on a \$25 million property damage fire case</li><li>• Maintained an active motion practice including drafting motions for summary judgment, motions to designate responsible third-parties, motions to compel discovery, and other pre-trial motions</li></ul>	Houston, TX <i>May 2014-Feb. 2016</i>
<b>Speaking and Panels</b>	<b>Current Issues for Texas Family Law Paralegals Webinar</b> <i>Speaker</i>	Houston, TX <i>May 2024</i>

- Speaker on “Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information”

**Damages in Civil Litigation Webinar** Houston, TX  
*Speaker* Feb. 2024

- Speaker on “Professionalism and Digital Difficulties”

**Solo and Small Firm Panel – Asian American Bar Association** Houston, TX  
*Moderator and Panelist* Nov. 2023

- Moderator for a panel of three solo and small firm lawyers in the areas of personal injury law, commercial litigation, and family law

**Pro Bono Committee CLE** South Padre Island, TX  
*Speaker* June 2023

- Speaker for the SAPCR case law update

**Texas Modern Mediation Conference Webinar** Houston, TX  
*Panelist* Feb. 2022

- Panelist for Division of Marital Debt

**Texas Modern Mediation Conference Webinar** Houston, TX  
*Panelist* Jan. 2021

- Panelist for Mediated Settlement Agreement Drafting, Prove-Up, and Entry issues

**Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section** Houston, TX  
*Panelist* Oct. 2020

- Panelist for “Part I: A Conversation on Inherent Biases in Family Law” and “Part II: Now That We Know Better, How Can We Be Better?”

**Activities** **Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists** Houston, TX  
*Board Member* Aug. 2024-present

- Organize monthly CLE events for board-certified family lawyers

**International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers** Houston, TX  
*Fellow* Sept. 2024-present

- Admitted and selected as a fellow based on international experience in family law

**American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers** Houston, TX  
*Fellow* Nov. 2023-present

- Organize and facilitate mentoring, diversity, and mental health wellness issues through nationwide committees

**Baylor Law School Mentorship Program** Waco, TX  
*Organizer and Mentor* Oct. 2023-present

- Organize and match family law lawyer mentors with Baylor Law School mentees to provide perspectives into the family law practice
- Mentor to two Baylor Law School students

**Houston Young Lawyers Foundation** Houston, TX  
*Board Member (3-year-term)* July 2023-present

- Organize and facilitate the charitable arm of the Houston Young Lawyers Association through raising funds for grants and awareness

**State Bar of Texas – Family Law Section** Houston, TX  
*Bill Review Committee reviewer; Pro Bono Committee speaker* Feb. 2023-June 2023  
*Family Law Section Council Member* Aug. 2024-present

- Review and provide commentary for upcoming legislative bills and effects on family law
- Organize mentorship and outreach opportunities to Texas law schools
- Judiciary and Awards and Scholarships Committee Council Member

**Burta Rhoads Raborn Inn of Court** Houston, TX  
*Master* Aug. 2022-May 2024

- Organize and participate in continuing legal education presentations in the Houston family law community

**Chilton Capital Management Advisory Council** Houston, TX  
*Council Member* Jan. 2023-Nov. 2023

- Advise on investment-related strategies with a small group of professionals in the Houston area

**Asian American Bar Association** Houston, TX  
*Solo & Small Firm Committee Chair* Aug. 2021-present

- Organize quarterly programs

**Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section** Houston, TX  
*Pro Bono and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs (3-year-term)* Aug. 2021-May 2024

- Organize yearly outreach programs and pro bono programs
- Organize CLE and events for the judiciary

**Houston Young Lawyers Association** Houston, TX  
*Committee Co-Chair – Trivia Night; HYL A Fellow* Aug. 2014 – July 2017

- Organize quarterly trivia night social and networking events for Houston lawyers

## Appointments

Special Discovery Master appointments:

- Harris County, Texas, Cause Number 2019-82508
- Harris County, Texas, Cause Number 2019-78567
- Harris County, Texas, Cause Number 2021-02877
- Harris County, Texas, Cause Number 2022-70007

**Certifications** Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization as of December 2020

**Admissions** Texas; United States District Court for the Southern and Western Districts of Texas

**Skills and Interests** Working knowledge in Mandarin Chinese; basketball; yoga; hiking and camping; Houston Zoo volunteer 2016-2022 (280 total volunteer hours)