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Education	Baylor University School of Law Juris Doctor; GPA: 3.07/4.00; Rank: 68/125	Waco, TX <i>February 2014</i>
	Purdue University B.S. in Economics with Honors, Psychology Minor	West Lafayette, IN <i>December 2010</i>
Experience	Law Office of Robert Tsai, PLLC <i>Managing Attorney – Family Law</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managing attorney for a full caseload (50+) of family law cases• First chair in three jury trials in Harris County, Texas• First chair in multiple bench trials, hearings, and enforcements	Houston, TX <i>March 2022-present</i>
	Walters Gilbreath, PLLC <i>Senior Associate Attorney – Family Law</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First chair in twelve bench trials to ruling regarding contested child custody and/or property issues• First chair in a jury trial to verdict in Brazos County, Texas regarding a breach of contract case involving an Islamic marriage contract• Attend and argue hearings on all stages of divorce and child custody cases• Draft decrees for divorces, modifications, and suits affecting the parent-child relationship• Successfully mediates divorce and modification cases with child custody and property issues• Handle all discovery in approximately twenty (25) active cases• Taken and/or defended over seventy (70) depositions, including experts	Houston, TX <i>February 2016-February 2022</i>
	Engvall & Lopez, LLP <i>Associate Attorney – Civil Defense Litigation Docket</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• Independently managed three (3) cases in San Antonio and Beaumont alleging various liability theories ranging from negligence to fraud• Worked on over twenty (20) active, in litigation, cases including multi-million property damage and serious personal injury cases• Facilitated a two-day mock trial on a \$25 million property damage fire case• 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	Houston, TX <i>May 2014-February 2016</i>
Speaking and Panels	Current Issues for Texas Family Law Paralegals Webinar <i>Speaker</i>	Houston, TX <i>May 2024</i>

- Speaker on “Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information”

Damages in Civil Litigation Webinar

Houston, TX
February 2024

Speaker

- Speaker on “Professionalism and Digital Difficulties”

Solo and Small Firm Panel – Asian American Bar Association

Houston, TX
November 2023

Moderator and Panelist

- 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
June 2023

Speaker

- Speaker for the SAPCR case law update

Texas Modern Mediation Conference Webinar

Houston, TX
February 2022

Panelist

- Panelist for Division of Marital Debt

Texas Modern Mediation Conference Webinar

Houston, TX
January 2021

Panelist

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

Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section

Houston, TX
October 2020

Panelist

- 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

American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Houston, TX
November 2023-present

Fellow

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

Baylor Law School Mentorship Program

Waco, TX
October 2023-present

Organizer and Mentor

- 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
July 2023-present

Board Member (3-year-term)

- 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
February 2023-present

Bill Review Committee reviewer; Pro Bono Committee speaker

- Review and provide commentary for upcoming legislative bills and effects on family law
- Organize mentorship and outreach opportunities to Texas law schools

Burta Rhoads Raborn Inn of Court Houston, TX
Master *August 2022-present*

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

Chilton Capital Management Advisory Council Houston, TX
Council Member *January 2023-November 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 *August 2021-present*

- Organize quarterly programs

Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section Houston, TX
Pro Bono and Outreach Committee Co-Chairs (3-year-term) *August 2021-present*

- 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 *August 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)