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Education	Baylor University School of Law Juris Doctor; GPA: 3.07/4.00; Rank: 68/125	Waco, TX <i>Feb. 2014</i>
	Purdue University B.S. in Economics with Honors, Psychology Minor	West Lafayette, IN <i>Dec. 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• Lead attorney in four jury trials in Harris County, Texas• Lead attorney in multiple bench trials, hearings, and enforcements	Houston, TX <i>Mar. 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>Feb. 2016-Feb. 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-Feb. 2016</i>
Speaking and Panels	Family Law Basics for Non-Family Lawyers <i>Speaker</i>	Houston, TX <i>Dec. 2024</i>

- Speaker for the Houston Young Lawyers Foundation CLE series regarding family law basics and common pitfalls for non-family lawyers

Thinking Outside the Box! Enforcements Other than Child Support Houston, TX
Moderator Nov. 2024

- Moderated a panel of five Judges in the Houston area regarding enforcements

Current Issues for Texas Family Law Paralegals Webinar Houston, TX
Speaker May 2024

- Speaker on “Obtaining and Evaluating Financial Information” for cases

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 and Houston, 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

Adopt-an-Angel Committee Co-Chair

- Organize and facilitate the charitable arm of the Houston Young Lawyers Association through raising funds for grants and awareness
- Organize and facilitate Christmas gifts from law firms and sponsors to 3,500+ students at local Houston elementary schools and organizations

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 subcommittees

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-Dec. 2024

- 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 (2014); United States District Court for the Southern and Western Districts of Texas

Skills and Interests Working knowledge in Mandarin Chinese; basketball and sports; yoga; hiking and camping; Houston Zoo volunteer 2016-2022 (280 total volunteer hours); Madison Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps (2005 alumni)