

BRANDI STOKES

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law
Austin, Texas

Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 2005

- Texas Intellectual Property Law Journal
- Children's Rights Clinic
- Highest Grade: Supreme Court Litigation

The University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Bachelor of Arts, May 2002

- Highest Honors (*Summa Cum Laude*)
- Liberal Arts Honors
- Psychology Departmental Honors

WORK HISTORY

Brandi Stokes, Esq., Austin, Texas

Attorney, November 2005-Present (part-time)

- Established and operated a law practice as a solo practitioner

Texas Legal Services Center, Austin, Texas

Managing Attorney, September 2013-July 2015

Staff Attorney, March 2012-August 2013

- Successfully managed the staff and operations of a statewide legal aid project that provides legal assistance to over 1100 low income Veterans and their families each year
- Strengthened the stability of the project by writing highly technical grant applications tailored to funder interests and by submitting timely, accurate, and informative reports to funders on a regular basis
- Provided mentoring and guidance to project staff and other colleagues
- Responsibly and compassionately provided limited scope *pro se* counseling services to low income Veterans for most civil matters.

Texas Department of Insurance, Austin, Texas

Staff Attorney, October 2006-Present

- Provided legal counsel to program staff for the Life, Health, and Licensing and Property and Casualty divisions
- Researched issues, answered inquiries, and drafted rules relating to Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage, Prompt Pay, and Title Insurance
- Researched issues, answered inquiries, and drafted legislation relating to Long-term Care Insurance
- Regularly attended meetings with program staff and industry leaders to discuss various aspects of agency policy
- Reviewed, researched issues, and provided bill comments for legislative inquiry for hundreds of bills filed during the 80th Texas Legislature, Regular Session and the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session
- Lead attorney for the administrative implementation of the following legislation:
 - Senate Bill 1153 (relating to personal property title insurance), enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature, Regular Session and implemented at 28 TAC §9.501
 - Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008, Public Law 110 – 275 (MIPPA), enacted by the 110th Congress of the United States, Second Session, and implemented at 28 TAC Chapter 3, Subchapter T and Chapter 19, Subchapter B

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- Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, Public Law 110 – 233 (GINA), enacted by the 110th Congress of the United States, Second Session, and implemented at 28 TAC Chapter 3, Subchapter T
- House Bill 1290 (relating to the early detection of cardiovascular disease), enacted by the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session and implemented at 28 TAC Chapter 21, Subchapter II and Chapter 3, Subchapter T (in progress at time of departure)
- Senate Bill 79 (related to a specialty certification program for small employer health benefits plans), House Bill 739 (relating to continuing education requirements for insurance agents who sell Medicare-related products), and House Bill 1294 (relating to a specialty certification program for the sale of life insurance and annuities), enacted by the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session and implemented at 28 TAC Chapter 19, Subchapter K (in progress at time of departure)
- Assistant attorney for the administrative implementation of the following legislation:
 - Senate Bill 1884 (relating to the prompt payment of insurance claims), enacted by the 80th Texas Legislature, Regular Session implemented at Chapter 21, Subchapter T
- Lead attorney for the following rule amendments:
 - 2006 Texas Title Insurance Biennial Hearing amendments implemented at 28 TAC §9.1
 - 2006 Texas Title Insurance Statistical Plan amendments implemented at 28 TAC §9.401
 - Filing Requirements for Advertising amendment implemented at 28 TAC §3.3313
- Lead attorney for the initial drafting of Senate Bill 963 (related to the regulation of long-term care premium rates), enacted by the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session (in progress at time of departure)

Children's Rights Clinic, University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

Student Attorney ad litem, August 2004-December 2004

- Represented children in SAPCR cases filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services under the supervision of a licensed attorney
- Investigated case issues, consulted with clients, and interviewed case witnesses
- Attended court hearings and made recommendations to the court on behalf of clients
- Participated in a mediation that resulted in settlement
- Successfully presented arguments in a contested adoption proceeding that resulted in the opponent's petition to intervene being denied

U.S. Army, HHC 3rd Signal Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas

Communications Security Clerk, December 1995-July 1997

- Maintained, inventoried, and controlled access to communications security hardware
- Provided communications security technical support within organizational units
- Received the U.S. Army Achievement Medal and the Good Conduct Medal

U.S. Army, HHD 52nd Signal Battalion, Stuttgart, Germany

Telecommunications Center Operator, December 1993-December 1995

- Transmitted, received, and generated US Army Intelligence messages
- Received the U.S. Army Achievement Medal

SECURITY CLEARANCE

- TS SCI SI/TK/G (Inactive)

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VOLUNTEER WORK

One Tao Ministry, Austin, Texas

Minister, August 2018-Present

- Developed and promoted a forum for Tao community growth and Tao ministry outreach.
- <https://www.facebook.com/OneTaoMinistry>

Tao of Austin, Austin, Texas

Organizer, August 2011-August 2018

- Organized and facilitated a Tao discussion group through meetup.com

Faith Food Pantry, Austin, Texas

Volunteer, February 2012-March 2013

- Assisted the bread pickup coordinator by picking up bread donations from a local grocery store and stocking the delivery at the food pantry as needed

Lonestar Fatherhood Initiative, Austin, Texas

Attorney Volunteer, November 2005-May 2006

- Counseled *pro se* litigants on all aspects of family law as related to their specific cases

Mathew's Elementary School, Austin, Texas

Computer Lab Volunteer, Spring 2000; *TAAS Tutor*, Spring 2001

- Assisted elementary school children at various age levels with computer usage and TAAS test preparation

AFFILIATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

- State Bar of Texas
- Golden Key National Honor Society
- Gamma Beta Phi Society
- University of Texas Distinguished Scholar Award (2000 & 2001)