

**GARY L. NICKELSON**  
Law Office of Gary L. Nickelson  
5201 West Freeway, Suite 100  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107  
(817) 735-4000  
Fax: (817) 735-1480

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Arts – Texas Tech University – 1969  
Doctor of Jurisprudence – University of Texas School of Law – 1972

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Member of Trial Advocacy Association – University of Texas School of Law	1972
National Member of the Order of Barristers – University of Texas School of Law	1972
Moot Court Board-University of Texas School of Law	1970-1972
Moot Court Board-Secretary/ Treasurer	1971-1972
International Moot Court Team – 2 <sup>nd</sup> in International Competition	1972
Tarrant County Bar Association	Since 1973
State Bar of Texas	Since 1972
Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	Since 1984
Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association	Since 1980
American Bar Association	Since 1988
College of the State Bar of Texas	Since 1988
Board of Directors-Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association	1989-1998
Parker County Bar Association	Since 1991
Texas Supreme Court Child Support/ Visitation Guidelines Committee	1991-1994
State Bar of Texas Family Law Practice Manual Revision Committee	1991-1997
Fellow of the American Academy Matrimonial Lawyers	Since 1992
Counsel, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, National	1997-1998
Board of Governors, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, National	1998-2001
President, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, National	2008-2009
President Elect, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, National	2007-2008
First Vice President, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, National	2006-2007
Vice President, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers	2001-2006
Secretary, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Texas Chapter	1996-1997
Vice President, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Texas Chapter	1997-1998
President-Elect, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Texas Chapter	1998-1999
President, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Texas Chapter	1999-2000
Family Law Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas	1992-2003
Secretary, Family Law Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas	1997-1998
Treasurer, Family Law Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas	1998-1999
Vice-Chair, Family Law Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas	1999-2000
Chair-Elect, Family Law Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas	2000-2001
Chair, Family Law Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas	2001-2002
Immediate Past Chair, Family Law Council of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas	2002-2003
President – Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association	1993
Member of the Board of Directors Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	1993-1996
Treasurer, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	1996-1997
Secretary, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	1997-1998
Vice President, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	1998-1999
President-Elect, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	1999-2000

President, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	2000-2001
Immediate Past-President, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	2001-2002
Editor of Family Law Forum	1994-1997
Member of State Bar of Texas Grievance Committee	1994-1998
Chairman of the District 7A Professional Enhancement Program of the State Bar of Texas	1996-1998
Diplomat of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers	Since 1995
Member of International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers	Since 1998
Life Member of the Texas Family Law Foundation	Since 1999
President-Elect, Texas Family Law Foundation	2009
President, Texas Family Law Foundation	2010-2012
Member of the Matrimonial Lawyers Network	Since 2002
Section Representative to the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors	2013-2015
Elected Director– Region 7-A, Board of Directors of the State Bar of Texas	2015 to present

### PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

Certificate of Merit-Appellate Brief Writing	1972
Certificate of Merit-Appellate Argument	1972
International Law Moot Court Competition-University of Texas School of Law	1972
Order of Barristers	1972
Co-Founder and Chairman of the Family Law Golf Association	Since 1993
Co-Course Director of the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Trial Institute, New Orleans, LA	1995
Course Director Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Trial Institute, New Orleans, LA	1996
Co-Course Director 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar, San Antonio, Texas	1996
Course Director 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar, San Antonio, Texas	2000
Course Director 27 <sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Dissolution Seminar, Fort Worth Texas	2004
Chair, Pro Bono Committee of the Family Law Council, State Bar of Texas	1995-1997
Co-Course Director of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Texas Chapter Retreat, San Antonio, Texas	1996-1998
Course Director of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Texas Chapter Retreat, San Antonio, Texas	1999
Co-Director of Continuing Legal Education, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers	1997-1998
Co-Course Director, New Frontiers in Marital Property Law Memphis, TN	2007
Fellow of the Year, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers	1998
Recipient of the Eva Barnes Award, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association	2002
Recipient of the Dan R. Price, Family Law Section of the State Bar of Texas	2003
Recipient of the Judge Sam Emison Award, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists	2006
Listed as a Texas Super Lawyer by <i>Texas Monthly Magazine</i> , since inception	2003 to present
Named in Top 100 Texas Super Lawyers by <i>Texas Monthly Magazine</i>	2005 to present
Listed in <i>Fort Worth, Texas Magazine</i> as a Top Family Law Attorney	2007 to present
Listed in <i>The Best Lawyers in America</i> as a Top Family Law Attorney, since inception	2003 to present
Recipient of Hall of Legends Award	2016

## **AUTHOR AND LECTURER:**

Speeches to Fort Worth Chapter Texas Society of CPA's regarding the legal Requirements of a small business	1990
Presentation to Parker County Bar Association on Protective and Temporary Orders	1991
Speaker and author for seminars entitled "Family Law" sponsored by Parker County Bar Association	1992
Speaker and author for National Business Institute, "Custody and Visitation" Fort Worth, Texas	1992
Speaker and author for Tarrant County Lawyers Against Domestic Violence "Drafting of a Protective Order", Fort Worth, Texas	1992
Speaker and author for Parker County Bar Association Family Law Seminar, "Interesting Cases", Weatherford, Texas	1993
Speaker and author for West Texas Legal Services Family Law Seminar, "The Proper Use of Forms and Form Book"	1993
Speaker and author for State Bar of Texas, Marriage Dissolution Seminar, "Interesting Cases", Fort Worth, Texas	1993
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution, "Special Child Support Problems (For Net Resources Below \$6,000.00 per Month)" South Padre Island, Texas	1994
Speaker and author for Texas Legal Assistants Division- Family Law Seminar, "Obtaining Child Support Outside the Guidelines", Dallas, Texas	1995
Speaker and author for Life Lawyering and Pursuit of Happiness Seminar Speaker on Ethics Panel, Galveston, Texas	1995
Speaker and author for N.E. Tarrant County Bar Association "Family Law Updates", Fort Worth, Texas	1995
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, "Trying the Final Trial at the Temporary Hearing", El Paso, Texas	1995
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course "Temporary Orders", Dallas, Texas	1995
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course, "Practicing Law for Fun and Profit", Dallas, Texas	1995
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Drafting Course, "Defending Against Enforcement", Austin, Texas	1995
Speaker and author for the Tarrant County Family Bar Association "Defending Against Enforcement"	1995
Speaker and author for American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Mid-Winter Meeting, "Practicing Law for Fun and Profit: Practical Tips For Avoiding Pitfalls and Enjoying Success, Solvency and Sanity in the Practice of Family Law", Koloa, Hawaii	1996
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, "Sexual Abuse Allegations and Domestic Relation Proceedings: Practice Guidelines for Attorneys", Corpus Christi, Texas	1996
Speaker, New Frontiers in Texas Marital Property Law "Dealing with Special Problems Attendant to Division of Closely Held Businesses", San Diego, CA	1996
Speaker and author for the Fort Worth Chapter, Texas Society of Certified Public Accounts, "An Overview of the Texas Divorce Process"	1996
Speaker and author for the Blackstone Seminar "Relocation: Where can Children Go After Divorce?", Fort Worth, Texas	1997
Speaker and author for American College of Family Trial Lawyers, "Cross Examination of a Mental Health Professional", Laguna Niguel, CA	1997

Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, “Practicing Law for Fun and Profit”, Dallas Texas	1997
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course, “Handling a Custody Case Involving Allegations of Sexual Abuse”, San Antonio Texas	1997
Speaker and author for New Frontiers in Marital Property Law, “The Characterization of Punitive Damages”, San Diego, CA	1997
Speaker and author for Family Law Art and Advocacy Law Course “Preparation of the Client as a Witness in Temporary Orders Hearing, Depositions and Trial”, Houston, Texas	1997
Speaker and author for 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Trial Institute, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, “How and When to Oppose a Choice of Managing Conservator”, New Orleans, LA	1998
Speaker and author at the 1990 Meeting of the Council of Community Property States “Cohabitant Relationships and Community Property”, Las Vegas, NV	1998
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar “Daubert Issues (Questioning Reliability of the Methodology of Custody Expert, An Asset Valuation Expert, etc.; Motions and Procedures to Attack/Exclude; Defending Such Attacks on Methodology)”, Austin, Texas	1998
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course, “Special Problems for Divorcing Professionals and Valuation of Professional Practices”, San Antonio, Texas	1998
Speaker, Advanced Family Law Course, San Antonio, Texas “Family Law for Fun and Profit: Practical Tips for Avoiding Pitfalls and Enjoying Success, Solvency and Sanity in the Practice of Family Law”	1998
Speaker, New Frontiers in Marital Property Law, Santa Fe, New Mexico “Entities and Divorce – Family Limited Partnerships, Business Organizations, Trusts”	1998
Speaker and author, 1998 Divorce Conference, Dallas, Texas “Daubert Schmaubert – What the Heck is Daubert?”	1998
Speaker and author, 1998 Wining Techniques Seminar, “Expecting the Unexpected”, Houston, Texas	1998
Speaker and author for the 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Trial Institute, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, “Daubert Examination of a Valuation Expert” Las Vegas, NV	1999
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, San Antonio, Texas “The Family Lawyer’s Essential Tool Kit”	1999
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course, Dallas Texas “Characterization and Tracing”	1999
Speaker for Advanced Family Law Course, Dallas Texas “Practicing Law for Fun and Profit”	1999
Speaker, New Frontiers in Marital Property Law, San Diego, CA “Defending Against Exotic Property Division Theories”	1999
Speaker, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Kohala, HI “Qualifying or Disqualifying the Psychological Expert Witness Using Daubert Principles”	2000
Speaker and author, Amarillo Bar Association Spring Institute, “Practicing Law for Fun and Profit”	2000
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, Fort Worth, Texas “Divorce 2000: Taking Care of Your Client and Yourself”	2000
Speaker and author, The Fort Worth Chapter TSCPA “Ethics and Privilege Consideration for CPA’s”	2000

Speaker and author, The Ultimate Family Law Trial Notebook, “Temporary Orders”, New Orleans, LA	2000
Speaker and author, Corpus Christi Bar Association 2001 Family Law Seminar “Temporary Orders”	2001
Speaker and author, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, “The Basic Family Law Trial Manual, 2001”, Palm Springs, CA	2001
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, Corpus Christi, Texas “Characterization Reimbursement and Tracing”	2001
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course, San Antonio, Texas “Principles of Characterization and Tracing”	2001
Speaker, Advanced Family Law Course, San Antonio, Texas “Effective Use of Legal Assistants in a Family Law Practice”	2001
Speaker, New Frontiers in Marital Property Law, Santa Fe, NM “Developing Trial Strategies for the Complicated Property Case”	2001
Speaker and author for the 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Trial Institute, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, Cancun, Mexico, “Why Am I A Family Law Layers?”	2002
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course, Dallas, Texas “Mediation: When is it Really Over?”	2002
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, House Texas “Characterization and Tracing on a Budget”	2003
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course, San Antonio, Texas “Family Law for Fun and Profit: Practical Tips for Avoiding Pitfalls, and Enjoying Success, Solvency and Sanity in the Practice of Family Law”	2003
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Drafting course, Austin, Texas “Relief is Just an Appeal Away: Drafting with Appeal”	2003
Speaker and author, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, “Family Law for Fun and Profit”, Lahaina, HI	2004
Chair and Moderator, Advanced Family Law Course, San Antonio, Texas Property Trial Demonstration	2004
Speaker and author for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, Galveston, Texas “ABC’s of Trying the Simple or Complex Case”	2005
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Course, Dallas, Texas “Handling the High Dollar Property Case on an Unlimited Budget”	2005
Co-Moderator on a panel, Advanced Family Law Course, Dallas, Texas “Science and Law: What is Best for Children of Divorce?”	2005
Speaker and author for Advanced Family Law Drafting, “Using Outside Resources”, San Antonio, Texas	2005
Speaker, Family Law with Texas Stars – Pro Bono Seminar, Abilene, Texas “Handling the Custody Case on a Shoestring”	2006
Speaker for Marriage Dissolution Seminar, Boot Camp, “Enhancing the Practice”, Austin, Texas	2006
Speaker and author, South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association Seminar Hilton Head, South Carolina “Practicing Law for Fun and Profit”	2006
Speaker and author, Advanced Family Law Seminar, San Antonio, Texas “Effective Preparation and Presentation at the Final SAPCR Hearing”	2006
Speaker and author, Advanced Family Law Seminar, “Hot Tip: Balanced Life”, San Antonio, Texas	2006
Speaker and author, Ultimate Trial Notebook, Family Law, “Exhibits”, New Orleans, LA	2006

Speaker and author, 2007 Ely Family Law Conference, state Bar of Nevada	
“Temporary Orders and Witness Preparation”	
“Substance Abuse and Bad Facts in a Custody Case”	
“Preserving Error at Trial and Top Ten Mistakes at Trial”	2007
Speaker and author, Marriage Dissolution, “The Complex Case”, El Paso, Texas	2007
Speaker and author, 33 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Advanced Family Law Course,	
“How to Get What You Got (In the Decree) Securing and Enforcing The	
Property Division”, San Antonio, Texas	2007
Speaker and author, Northeast Tarrant County Bar Association,	
“Effective Preparation and Final Trail of a Suit Affecting the Parent	
Child Relationship”	2007
Speaker and author, Kentucky Bar Association, 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Family Law Seminar	
“Mediation: Be Prepared”, Louisville, KY	2007
Speaker and author, AICPA-AMML National Conference on Divorce	
“Maintaining the Chain of (Electronic)Evidence and Spoliation of (Electronic)	
Evidence”, Las Vegas, NV	2008
Speaker and author, 34 <sup>th</sup> Advanced Family Law Course, San Antonio, Texas	
“Professionalism”	2008
Speaker and author, 35 <sup>th</sup> Advanced Family Law Course, Family Law Boot	
Camp, “Temporary Orders”, Dallas, Texas	2009
Speaker and author, 35 <sup>th</sup> Advanced Family Law Course, Dallas, Texas	
“Equitable Remedies: Getting Out of Traps, messes and Other Problems”	2009
Speaker and author, Marriage Dissolution Institute, San Antonio, Texas;	
“Finalizing the Deal: Rule 11 Agreements, Mediated Settlement Agreements	
and the Importance of Getting Orders Timely Signed”	2010
Speaker and author, state Bar of Texas Bar Convention, Fort Worth, Texas;	
“Practicing Family Law for Fun and Profit”	2010
Speaker and author, 36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Family Law Course, San Antonio, Texas	
“The Art of Negotiation: How to get what you want while making the other	
side believe you have “given up the farm.””	2010
Speaker and author, Marriage Dissolution Institute, Austin, Texas;	
“Legislative Issues and Resources”	2011
Speaker and author, Advanced Family Law, San Antonio, Texas;	
“Legislative Update”	2011
Speaker and author, AAML/ AFCC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;	
“What Lawyers Can Teach Mental Health Professionals”	2011
Speaker and author, Advanced Drafting, Dallas, Texas; “New legislation”	2011
Speaker and author, Innovations – Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigation,	
“Trial Strategies”, Houston, Texas	2012
Speaker and author, Advanced Family Law, “Predicates”, Houston, Texas	2012
Speaker and author, Advanced Family Law, Houston, Texas;	
“Welcome to the Future: Child Custody Evaluations”	2012
Speaker and author, “Handling Your First Divorce Case,” Austin, Texas	2013
Moderator, Advanced Family Law Course, San Antonio, Texas	2013
Speaker and author, “Daubert and the Mosaic of Child Custody Assessment,”	
AFCC Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation,	
Litigation and Settlement, Washington, D.C.	2013
Speaker and author, “Preparing Clients for Custody Evaluation: A Call for Critical	
Examination” Co – Author with Dr. Johnathan W. Gould, Litigation and	
Settlement, Washington, D.C.	2013

Speaker and author, "Asset Investigation" at New Frontiers in Marital Property State Bar of Texas, Napa, California	2013
Webinar Presenter, "What's Love (Death) Got To Do With It? –Premarital Agreements and Portability" State Bar of Texas, Austin, Texas	2013
Speaker and author, "Effective Documents for the (Efficient) Time Limited Temporary Hearings Orders" Co-Authored with Norma A. Bazan Advanced Family Law Drafting, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, Texas	2013
Trial demonstration, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialist	2014
Moderator, Making your SAPCR and Spousal Support Case – Temporary Orders (hearing demonstration)	2014
Speaker and author, "Effective Documents for the (Efficient) Time Limited Temporary Hearings Orders" Co-Authored with Norma A. Bazan Advanced Family Law Drafting, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, Texas	2013
Speaker, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, 31 <sup>st</sup> Annual TAFLS Trial Institute, New Orleans, LA "Getting Out of the Eye of the Hurricane."	2015
Speaker and author, "Pepto Bismol Moment: What to Do When You Mess Up and How to Save Yourself" Co-Authored with Brian L. Webb and Brant M. Webb, 38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute, Dallas, Texas	2015
Speaker, State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas "Effective Documents for Temporary Hearings"	2015
Course Director and Speaker, Matters of Family Law, September 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> Texas Bar CLE, Horseshoe Bay, Texas	2015
Speaker, 20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Course, New Frontiers in Marital Property Law, Texas Bar CLE, Denver CO	2015
Speaker and author, "Pepto Bismol Moments Are Reduced to Writing" Co-Authored with Brian L. Webb and Brant M. Webb, 38 <sup>th</sup> State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Drafting, Westin Galleria, Dallas, Texas	2015
Speaker, Marriage Dissolution April 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 Galveston, Presentation of Matters of Family Law	2016
Presenter, Advanced Family Law August 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016, Live Trial Demonstration "Temporary Orders"	2016
Course Director and Presenter Masters of Family Law, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	2016
Speaker, Marriage Dissolution April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2017, Austin, Presentation of Professionalism	2017
Moderator of Judicial Panel, Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, Fort Worth, Texas May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2017, "Pepto Bismol Moments"	2017
Speaker, Arlington Bar Association, Arlington, Texas Presented State Bar Update	2017
Speaker, NE TCBA Luncheon, Colleyville, Texas Presented State Bar Update	2017
Speaker, Tarrant County Probate Bar Association, Petroleum Club Presented State Bar Update	2017
Speaker and author, "Effective Advocacy in Discovery" Co-Authored with Chris Nickelson 43 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Advance Family Law August 7-10, 2017, San Antonio, Texas	2017
Co-Course Director, Mastering Your Practice: Family Law & Estate Planning and Probate, September 14-15 <sup>th</sup> Texas Bar CLE, Horseshoe Bay Resort	2017

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

Law Office of Gary L. Nickelson  
(Private Practice of Law)

1973-Present

Texas Christian University

Adjunct Instructor of Business Law; (2/3 time)

Presently teach two section of MANA.20153

“Legal and Social Environment of Business”

In Fall and Spring and one section in the summer;

Also, have taught MANA.3363 “Advanced Legal

Problems” in the Spring. Also, taught at the

Graduate level MANA.6033 in the MBA program

1990-1991