

LSCPA Curriculum Vitae

Doneane Beckcom

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Master of Education, Lamar University, December 2008, Educational Leadership
2. Doctor of Jurisprudence, South Texas College of Law, December 1992, Law
3. Bachelor of Arts, Lamar University, December 1983, Music Education

POSITIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

1. 2017-Present, Program Coordinator, Paralegal Studies, Lamar State College-Port Arthur
Responsible for developing and providing instruction in courses leading to the Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Paralegal Studies. Teaching classes online and in person. Supervision of students performing internship assignments in the local legal community. Continued contact and communication with the legal community or job opportunities for students and graduates. Work in coordination with the Department Chair and Dean to improve student outcomes.
2. 2017-Present, Adjunct Instructor, Criminal Justice, Lamar State College-Port Arthur
Responsible for teaching courses as needed in the General Education and Developmental Studies Department leading to the Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Criminal Justice. Develop and provide instruction in both online and on campus instruction at the direction of the Department Chair and Dean.
3. 2018-2019, Adjunct Instructor, Wilson Early College High School
Responsible for teaching elective criminal justice classes to students enrolled in dual credit through the ECHS. Develop and provide instruction at the college level to high school freshman and sophomore students at the direction of the ECHS Principal and LSCPA liaison for courses as needed during the academic year.
4. 1983-1986, Academic Tutor, Lamar University-Beaumont
Responsible for providing individual and small group tutoring services to student athletes in all academic core classes. Responsible for identifying common mistakes and developing problem solving skills, creating practice reviews and post-test follow-up conversations.

ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPERIENCE

1. January 2001-Present, Attorney/Owner, Law Office of Doneane Beckcom
General practice law firm handling all types of cases in state and federal courts. Including criminal, habeas corpus, juvenile, family, estate planning, probate, and real estate in Jefferson, Orange and surrounding counties in Southeast Texas. Certified Parenting Facilitator and Family Law Mediator serving all parts of Southeast Texas and other areas of State.

2. August 2014-January 2017, Criminal Justice Consultant, Griffith, Moseley, Johnson & Associates, Inc. (GMJ)

GMJ is a multi-faceted consulting group of professionals in law enforcement, criminal law, and county government. One of the largest practice areas of the firm includes analyzing criminal justice processes on the county level for Texas counties, both urban and rural. Provide high level analysis of criminal court dockets, jail population and trends, jail overtime and staffing needs, in an effort to identify problems and streamline processes. Write monthly detailed reports analyzing data provided by clients and assist with plans to relieve jail overcrowding, reduce overtime, speed up court processes and, save taxpayer dollars.

3. September 2011-January 2014, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Texas

Provide legal services to establish paternity, set child support, and enforce child support orders for 6 East Texas Counties. Responsible for a very large case load and managing office staff and legal assistants assigned to court.

4. May 2000-January 2001, Senior Associate, Strong Pipkin Bissell & Ledyard, L.L.P.

Personal Injury, product and premises liability, toxic tort, insurance defense. Wills and probate, guardianships, collections, family law, business and commercial law, and criminal defense. Motion practice, depositions, jury trials, numerous court appearances throughout Texas in state and Federal Courts.

5. March 1997-May 2000, Staff Attorney, United States District Courts, Eastern District of Texas

Assigned to the Chambers of the late United States Magistrate Judge Wendell C. Radford handling a large civil and criminal docket. Extensive legal research and writing, numerous court appearances. Prepared written published and non-published opinions for District Judges. Handled post-conviction habeas corpus and appellate criminal matters.

6. January 1994-March 1997, Assistant County Attorney, Orange County Attorney's Office

Felony Prosecutor, 163rd District court; Misdemeanor Prosecutor and Juvenile Prosecutor, County Court of Law. Extensive criminal trial work. First chair prosecutor of numerous jury and bench trials for offenses ranging from traffic tickets to capital murder. Prepared cases for intake, grand jury indictment, and trial. Prepared juvenile cases for court disposition. Numerous court appearances including detention hearings, bench and jury trials. Extensive interaction with media, law enforcement, bondsmen, probation officers, and many other governmental agencies. Managed office staff including investigators, paralegals, clerks, and other staff.

7. April 1991-January 1994, Paralegal, Law Clerk, Junior Associate, Smith & Connor, P.C.,

Medical malpractice, family law, plaintiff personal injury, business and commercial law, probate, real estate. Depositions, motion practice, second chair of numerous civil trials in state and federal courts throughout Texas.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

1. 1992-Present, Texas State Bar Association
2. 1994-Present, Orange County Bar Association
3. 1997-Present, Jefferson County Bar Association
4. 2017-Present, American Association for Paralegal Educators (AAfPE)
5. 2017-Present, Southeast Texas Association of Paralegals (SETAP)
6. 2015-2019, Member, Southeast Texas Regional Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. 1992-Present, 15+ hours per year of continuing legal education in various disciplines
2. 2017, AAfPE Regional Convention (New Orleans)
3. 2017-Present, attend monthly meetings of SETAP
4. 2017-Present, attend and present content at annual meeting of SETAP
5. Enter Year, Organization, Event

LSCPA CAMPUS EXPERIENCE (leave blank if new to LSCPA)

1. 2017-Current, Committee Member, SACS Fifth-Year Interim Report, Participated in the SACSCOC Fifth-Year Interim Report process, including training, review of data, and narrative development for assigned sections of the report.
2. 2018-Current, Committee Member, Curriculum Review Council, Responsible for reviewing proposed curriculum changes for various programs to ensure compliance with THECB.