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Accomplished trial attorney with broad based litigation skills gained in over 33 years handling all aspects of complex commercial, oil & gas, Jones Act, environmental/toxic tort, mass tort, construction and personal injury cases from both sides of the docket, now handling mediations and serving as an arbitration neutral as well as guardian ad litem appointments from the Court.

Career Summary

Over 38 years of extensive, first-chair trial experience. Primary responsibility for a broad range of litigation matters including oil & gas, complex commercial, environmental/toxic tort, mass torts, construction, personal injury, employment/whistleblower, professional liability (legal and medical), Jones Act and products liability cases. Impeccable credentials, peer rated as "AV Preeminent 5.0 out of 5 stars" in Martindale Hubbell. Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Work Experience

Independent Petroleum Landman

Jan. 1980 - 1983

Heavy field research of mineral interest title, title curative, negotiation, drafting and obtaining oil & gas leases.

Associate - Bonham, Carrington & Fox, Houston, TX

1987 - 1993

Trial practice included personal injury (plaintiff and defendant), products liability, libel and slander, wrongful termination, consumer, construction, mass tort and complex commercial disputes

Partner - Fibich & Garth, P.C., Houston, TX

1993 - 2004

Very active trial practice included oil & gas litigation, environmental/toxic torts, products liability, employment/whistleblower, mass torts, construction defects, malpractice (medical and legal), personal injury (plaintiff and defendant) and complex commercial matters. First chair and primary responsibility for investigating and handling many significant, multi-million dollar cases and claims from both sides of the docket.

Principal - The Garth Law Firm, Houston, TX

2004 - Present

Continuing extensive and varied trial practice while expanding practice area by utilizing extensive background to serve as both a mediator and arbitration neutral and serving as guardian ad litem appointed by the Courts.

Adjunct Professor - South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX

2005 - 2008

Utilizing experience and communication abilities to teach trial skills courses and coach several national level mock trial teams

Education

Bachelor's Degree (COMPLETED 1979) | History - Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX

1975 - 1979

Doctor of Jurisprudence (COMPLETED 1987) - South Texas College of Law, Houston, TX

1984 - 1987

Graduated Cum Laude, Member: South Texas Law Review, Order of the Barristers, Order of the Lytae

2011 - Mediation Course - A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center, Houston, TX - 40 hour training course in Mediation as required by Section 154.052 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code ADR Procedures

2016 - Mediating Construction Disputes sponsored by the A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center, Houston, TX

2/2014; 11/2017 - Fundamentals of Serving as Attorney Ad Litem

2018 – Advanced Mediator Training Series: Expanding the Mediator's Toolbox – Blending Advanced Mediator Strategies

2019 - Annual Conference on ADR

About Me

I am 68 years old and have been married for 45 years to Terri Garth. We have two wonderful grown children and two grandchildren. When not working, I like to spend time on my ranch in the Texas Hill country. I enjoy golf, tennis, hunting and fishing.