

**EXPERIENCE:**

**FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS OF TEXAS, Houston, TX**

**Justice, 2019-present**

- Serves as one of nine justices on the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, hearing appeals from ten counties on the Gulf Coast (Harris, Galveston, Fort Bend, Brazoria, Chambers, Grimes, Waller, Washington, Austin and Colorado)
- Authors majority, concurring, and dissenting opinions on criminal, civil, and family cases in the region and elsewhere in Texas (as assigned by the Texas Supreme Court)
- Serves on the court's personnel committee concerning employment matters, interviews and hiring procedures, and staff manuals
- Heads the court's internship program, bringing in interns from law schools in the Houston area and elsewhere to work with justices on the court through planned programming that allows law students to experience the practice of appellate law by working for the court

**DEMOND & HASSAN, PLLC, Houston, TX**

**Partner, 2011 – 2018**

- Federal civil rights practice (§ 1983, police excessive force, wrongful search and seizures); internet, privacy, and civil forfeiture actions
- Won a \$13.78M internet defamation verdict (largest in the US and Texas' 2<sup>nd</sup> largest 2012 intentional tort); designed discovery and trial strategies; drafted pleadings, briefs, and subpoenas
- Settled a § 1983 case for \$425,000 (N.D. Tex.) by defeating Lubbock officers' qualified immunity MSJs
- Won a \$350,000 judgment in a N.D. Tex. (McBryde, J.) § 1983 jail death case; secured Tarrant County's exhumation and transfer of remains to proper resting place/payment for a new burial, casket, and headstone
- Successfully protected media/medical professionals in internet defamation cases (latter w/Anti-SLAPP)
- Removed online defamation and advised regarding CDA § 230 liability nationwide
- Responsible for intakes, research, pleadings, special appearances, discovery, depositions, FOIA requests, motions, hearings, MSJs, experts, TROs, subpoenas, supervising attorneys and support staff, and appeals in Texas state and federal courts
- Presently litigating the constitutionality of: subpoenas *instanter* to doctors; death by Taser; warrantless searches and seizures inside of homes; lack of medical treatment in prison; and jailing a rape victim as a witness

**DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND APPOINTED ATTORNEYS PROGRAM, La Plata, MD**

**Appointed Attorney, July 2014**

- County commissioner appointed attorney in Charles County, Maryland, for the initial rollout of the first-in-the-U.S. statewide program for indigent representation at bail hearings
- Stationed at the county jail, spoke to the pre-trial detainees shortly after they were arrested and advocated to bond commissioners on a per-defendant basis for personal recognizance bail or lowered bail amounts

**CONNOR & DEMOND, PLLC, Austin, TX**  
**Associate, 2008 –2011**

- General practice included select personal injuries/torts, commercial and administrative law
- Pierced internet anonymity via (*inter alia*) subpoena/oral argument/depositions in TX, CA, and MD
- Facilitated removal of online defamation and advised re: internet privacy and § 230 liability
- Procured administrative law successes from SOAH, TCEQ, Comptroller, DHS, USCIS, PUC, and OAG
- Managed human resources (including hiring/firing, scheduling, payroll, and interpersonal conflicts)

**EDUCATION:**

**TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, James E. Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA**  
**Juris Doctor, 2007**

- **TEMPLE UNIVERSITY IN JAPAN:** Japanese/Chinese Law, Chinese Investment Law, and Int'l IP Law Thesis: TRIPS and Compulsory Licensing in Thailand: A Case Study
- **AMERICAN UNIV. OF CAIRO:** Islamic Property Law, Int'l Oil and Gas Law, and Advanced Arabic

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC**  
**Master of Arts in Arab Studies (MAAS), attended August 2002-May 2004**  
Thesis: Legal Anthropology and Iraqi Transitional Administrative Law

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, Douglass College, New Brunswick, NJ**  
**Bachelor of Arts, with high honors, Political Science, May 2002**

Honors: Dean's List, NJ Federation of Women's Clubs Scholarship, Voorhees Scholarship Recipient, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Golden Key International Honor Society

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP, PUBLICATIONS, AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES:**

*UC-Berkeley Law Executive Education – Artificial Intelligence Institute Certificate Program – October 2023*

*Texas Super Lawyers – Rising Star, 2014 – 2018*

*Texas Civil Rights Project Kristi Couvillon Pro Bono Award, 2015*

*Temple University Gallery of Success Award, 2012*

Texas Bar Association, Women and the Law Section, 2015 (*Member*), 2016 (*Treasurer*)

Houston Young Lawyers Association, 2013 (*Director*)

Houston Lawyer Referral Service, 2013 (*Board Member*)

*CLE and Guest Lecturer:*

- Houston Young Lawyers Association – “Closing the Legal Gender Gap: Addressing Biases and Inequities Facing Women in the Law” (2021)
- Houston Bar Association Civil Bench Bar 2021 – “Mandamus and Permissive Appeals”
- Houston Trial Lawyers Association – “Mandamus Practice in the Courts of Appeals” (2019)
- Thurgood Marshall School of Law: “Nuts and Bolts of § 1983 Practice” (2016)
- CLE Instructor (NPAP): “A Primer on Piercing Grand Jury Secrecy” (Feb. 2015)
- South Texas College of Law: “Cyber-Defamation, Privacy, and Social Media” (2013, 2014)

*Member* – Houston Bar Association; American Bar Association Judicial Section; Past Member – Houston Trial Lawyers Association, Harris County Criminal Defense Association, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, National Police Accountability Project (NPAP)

*Contributing Editor* – United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) Manual for Peacekeepers: Guidelines for the Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, April 2007

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Texas (2008)
- Maryland (2008)
- New York (2008)
- Federal Courts:
  - Northern District of Texas (2009)
  - Eastern District of Texas (2009)
  - Southern District of Texas (2012)
  - Western District of Texas (2015)
  - District of Maryland (2014)
  - District of the District of Columbia (2014)
  - United States Supreme Court (2018)