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Representative Clients

Product Liability

American Water Heater Corporation
Atlas Copco
Cooper Cameron
Crane Co.
Dover Elevator Company
Easton-Bell Sports Group
Ford Motor Company
General Motors Corporation
Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.
Hankook Tire America Corp.
Hyundai Motor America
Ingersoll-Rand Corporation
Kawasaki Motors Corporation
Orkin-Rollins, Inc.
Powerscreen International
Riddell, Inc.
Simplex Grinnell
Tyco International, Ltd.
Wabash National Corp.
WD-40 Company
Westinghouse Electric Corporation

Medical/ Pharmaceutical Malpractice

Allied World Assurance Company
American Physicians Insurance Exchange
Anaesthesiologists Professional Assurance Co.
Caronia Corporation
EDCare Management, Inc.
Fireman's Fund Insurance Company
Medical Protective Insurance Company
Medical Claims Management Group
St. Paul/Travelers
Texas Medical Liability Insurance Underwriting
Association (JUA)
Texas Medical Liability Trust
The Ensign Group, Inc.
Walgreen Co.
Western Litigation Specialists

Professional Malpractice

ACE U.S.A.
Clarendon Insurance Companies
Great American Insurance Company
Professional Liability Insurance Co.
St. Paul/Travelers
Texas Lawyers' Insurance Exchange
Westport Insurance Corporation
Zurich-American Insurance Group

Transportation

Amtrak
Best Transport, Inc.
Greyhound Lines
Cardinal Healthcare Corporation
Contract Freighters, Inc.
Fleming Companies, Inc.
H. E. Butt Grocery Company
J.D. Abrams, Inc.
Roadrunner Distribution Services, Inc.
Robby Transportation
Sun Metro Transit System
SWIFT Transporrtation
Texas Department of Transportation
TNT Bestway, Inc.
Union Pacific Railroad Company
United Road Services
Wabash National Corporation
Wilshire Insurance Group
Zero Motor Freight, Inc.

Commercial Litigation

Bank of America
B.P. Newman Investment Company
CIT Group
Commercial Underwriters Ins. Co.
Copart Salvage Auto
El Paso Chile Company
First Nationwide Mortgage Corp.
Helen of Troy
HUB International Northeast
Insignia Financial Group
Koger Equity, Inc.
Little Caesar Enterprises
Mariner Healthcare, Inc.
Mimco, Inc.
Navajo Refining Company
Nesco, Inc.
North Park Lincoln
Ramsey Steel, Inc.
Simon Property Group
Toshiba Business Solutions
VIE Healthcare, Inc.
Viva Auto Group

*General Negligence
And Insurance Law*

ACE U.S.A.
American Family Insurance Group
American International Group (AIG)
AIU Holdings, Inc.
American Mercury Insurance Group
Auto-Owners Insurance
Berkley Risk Administrators
Broadspire
Canal Indemnity Co.
Cardinal Healthcare Corporation
Carolina Casualty Insurance Company
Century American Insurance Company
Children's Eye Center of El Paso
Church's Fried Chicken, Inc.
Circle K Corporation
CNA Insurance Companies
Delphi Automotive Systems, Inc.
Employers General Insurance Company
Geico Direct
H.E. Butt Grocery Company
Insignia Financial Group
International Distributor Company
ITT Specialty Risk Services, Inc.
Kemper National Insurance Companies
Kimball Hill Homes
Liberty Mutual Group
Lincoln General Insurance
Lexington Insurance Company
Markel Insurance Co.
McCoy Corporation
McDonald's Corporation
Mid-Continent Casualty Company
National Union Fire Insurance Company
Peter Piper, Inc.
Phillips 66
Progressive Casualty Insurance Co.
Simon Property Group
The Southland Corporation
St. Paul/Travelers
State Farm Insurance Companies
T.H.E. Insurance Company
Texas Mutual Insurance Co.
Texstar Produce, LLC
Time Warner Communications
Titan Insurance Company
The Travelers Indemnity Company
United Services Automobile Association (USAA)
United States Liability Insurance, Inc.
Utica National Insurance Group
Walgreen Co.
Western Refining
York Claims Services
Zurich-American Insurance Group

Labor And Employment Law

Alamo Area Council of Governments
Albertsons, LLC
American International Group
Arch Insurance group
Axxion Group, Inc.
Border Foods
Chubb Group of Insurance Companies
Church's Fried Chicken, Inc.
Civil Service Commission
CTT Lines, Inc.
Culligan Bottled Water
Cuna Mutual Group
Datamark, Inc.
Dustrol, Inc.
Elcom, Inc.
El Paso Association of Radio Stations
First Federal Savings Bank
Foss Electric Company
Foster Electric (U.S.A.) Inc.
Gaylord Container Corporation
General Motors
Hunt Building Corporation
Imaging of El Paso
International Business College
International Radiology Group
Jobe Materials
Karnes Land Title Company
Kelly Services, Inc.
Kwik Copy
Lexington Insurance Company
FedEx Kinko's
Lucchese, Inc.
Market Demand Farms
Mission Pharmacal Co.
Mesilla Valley Transportation
Montana Beverage Company
Mountain Express, Inc.
Nabisco, Inc.
Novamex
Phelps Dodge Corporation
Pizza Hut of America, Inc.
Pro Cathedral Church of St. Clements
Regent Broadcasting of El Paso
Region 19 Educational Services
RM Personnel, Inc.
Savane International Corporation
Siemens Corporation
Sunland Optical Company
St. Mary's School of Law
Sure Brothers, Inc.
Taco Bell, Inc.
Texas Border Sheriff
Verizon Corporation
Walgreen Co.
Washing Equipment of Texas Yazaki North
America, Inc.
York International Corporation
Ysleta Independent School District

*Workers'
Compensation*

ACE U.S.A.
American Garment Finishers
Berkley Risk Administrators
Broadspire
County of El Paso
Farah Manufacturing, Inc.
Liberty Mutual Group
Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company
National Union Fire Insurance Company
St. Paul Travelers
Ward North America

*Governmental
Litigation*

Education Service Center - Region 19
City of El Paso
City of Socorro
County of Bexar
County of El Paso
County of Maverick
Texas Department of Transportation

*Toxic Tort And
Environmental Law*

CBS Corporation, f/k/a Westinghouse Electric Corporation
Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Navajo Refining Company
Orkin-Rollins, Inc.

Structure

Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans is a regional civil litigation firm based in El Paso, San Antonio and Ft. Worth, Texas, and engaged almost exclusively in the trial of civil lawsuits throughout Texas, New Mexico and the southwest.

The attorneys in the firm have high academic credentials and are from diverse backgrounds. Several of the attorneys have received such distinguished honors as state and national board certifications, including the American Board of Trial Advocates, Best Lawyers in America, Martindale-Hubbell AV Ratings, Super Lawyers and various impressive honors in the area of trial advocacy. Several attorneys are frequent lecturers and authors for state organizations on a variety of litigation topics, and hold leadership positions in numerous professional organizations.

The firm has also been recognized by its clients and organizations as among the best firms for trial attorneys, quality and value. The firm has enjoyed the highest ranking among law firms by the major national rating services for many years, including the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers.

In this age of marketing representations, excellence is a word that is sometimes applied indiscriminately. Excellence should be proven and

not simply stated. The best proof of excellence is the litigation and courtroom success of the firm, and the firm's reputation among opposing attorneys, judges, clients and other litigation firms.

The firm consists of trial attorneys and legal support teams which include licensed investigators, registered nurses, certified legal assistants and legal secretaries. The firm has state-of-the-art courtroom technology and employs a technical group for the production of courtroom presentations, graphics and animations. Many attorneys and staff are bilingual to accommodate and assist clients and witnesses in a largely bicultural region. As a result, the firm has enjoyed outstanding success in the courtroom for many years.

Practice Philosophy

The expertise of the firm includes business litigation and insurance defense litigation, including medical and professional liability, product liability, premises liability, lender liability, automobile accident litigation, labor and employment litigation, toxic tort and environmental law, and workers' compensation litigation.

Most clients are publicly or privately held corporations engaged in insurance, product manufacturing, retail and wholesale sales, transportation, construction and development. Almost all of our clients are involved in regional and national activities.

Our philosophy is to provide top quality trial and appellate legal services for our clients with an emphasis on promptness, efficiency, honesty and integrity.

Technological Support

The firm is fully staffed and equipped to provide the most recent technology available for investigations, research, litigation support and courtroom presentation.

A complete network with remote access is utilized by the firm. State-of-the-art electronic communication is also available for direct contact with each member of the firm. Many clients communicate directly through Internet mail, Trialnet and other electronic media.

The firm employs a technical group which provides litigation support for courtroom presentations, videography, graphics, animations, color copying and a variety of demonstrative aids. The group is capable of organizing, scanning, and compiling voluminous mass litigation information with full text and document control databases.

A state-of-the-art library and research facility is also maintained by the firm to facilitate immediate reference for many jurisdictions on issues relating to all major practice areas of the firm. An expert witness bank and research bank is

maintained by the firm, allowing the attorneys to have extensive information regarding expert witnesses and legal issues.

Legal Fees And Services

Hourly rates are competitive with El Paso, San Antonio and Ft. Worth law firms and, in fact, offer better value as compared to competing firms in Albuquerque, Dallas, Austin or Houston. No firm in this region offers the experience, success, technical staff and technology of our firm. Billing statements are prepared to accommodate the needs and requirements of each of our clients. The firm is sensitive to the escalating costs for businesses, and engages in forecasting, budgeting and fee guidelines for its clients.

Geographic Areas Of Practice

The firm's practice primarily encompasses Texas and southern New Mexico regions, including El Paso, San Antonio, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Laredo, Corpus Christi, Las Cruces, Albuquerque, Midland, Odessa, Amarillo and Lubbock. The firm routinely handles state and federal litigation pending in these areas; however, several cases are handled throughout the states of Texas, New Mexico and other regions.



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- *Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization*
- *Texas Super Lawyer in Employment Litigation 2009*
- *Texas Rising Star- Employment Litigation - 2006 & 2007*
- *BV rating from Martindale-Hubbell*
- *Fellow of Litigation Counsel of America and Board of Directors El Paso Bar Association*

— EDUCATION

- Bachelor Degree, St. Mary's University of San Antonio, 1990
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, Texas Tech University, 1993

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Board of Directors El Paso Bar Association
- Chairperson of the El Paso Bar Association (Labor and Employment Law Section)
- Merit Certification for Municipal Law
- Named one of the Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars in Employment Litigation, 2006 & 2007

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chris was licensed in 1994. She was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of El Paso, where she handled collective-bargaining negotiation, employment law and civil service issues. Chris was the City Attorney for the City of Socorro from May 2003 through February 2005.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

El Paso County Bar Association, State Bar of Texas, State Bar of Texas Labor and Employment Section, State Bar of Texas Local Government Bargaining Committee, Texas City Attorneys Association, Texas Public Employers Labor Relations Association, National and the Texas Public Employers Labor Relations Associations, Employment Law Committee of the Labor & Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association.

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1994
- U. S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1995

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, West's Legal Directory, Texas board of Legal Specialization, Directory of Board Certified Attorneys

— PERSONAL

- Native of El Paso
- Proficient in both written and spoken Spanish



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- *Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation*
- *AV Rated Attorney, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*

■ EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts degree, Brigham Young University, 1979
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, J. Reuben Clark Law School at B.Y.U., 1982

■ HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Former Judge of the 120th Judicial District Court, El Paso County, Texas
- 2002 Professionalism Award from the El Paso County Bar Association
- President of the El Paso County Bar Association in 2000-2001
- Named to Marquis' "Who's Who in American Law" and "Who's Who in America"

■ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Robert was Assistant District Attorney for El Paso County (where he was in charge of all trial attorneys and in charge of the appellate division) until 1990 when he was elected Judge of the 120th District Court of Texas where he served through 2002. He has twice been named Outstanding Jurist of the year by the El Paso Young Lawyers Association as well as by the El Paso Mexican-American Bar Association. He served on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Repertory Theater Organization. He has authored and co-authored articles published in the Texas Bar Journal and other legal and historical publications. He has been a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education and judicial education seminars. Annually, Robert teaches the legal ethics seminar for the El Paso County Bar Association. He has chaired the Crime Victims and Witnesses Committee of the Texas State Bar.

■ PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, Texas Bar Association, El Paso County Bar Association, El Paso Mexican American Bar Association

■ COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1983
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2003
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 2003
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1985
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 1986
- U.S. Supreme Court 1987

■ SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

1. El Paso Criminal Bar Association: "Ethics in the practice of law" July 2009
2. Texas Medical Liability Trust: "Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Chapter 74 expert reports" November 2009
3. El Paso Paralegal Association: "HIPAA: its impact and application" May 2010.

■ PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, West's Legal Directory

■ PERSONAL

Born in El Paso, Texas and raised in Greece, Delaware, California, and Texas



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- *Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization*

— EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science degree, University of Texas at El Paso, 1986
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Denver School of Law, 1991

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Dean's List, University of Texas at El Paso
- Phi Delta Phi
- Student Editor-in-Chief, American Bar Association Family Law Quarterly, University of Denver School of Law
- Recipient, American Jurisprudence Award, University of Denver School of Law
- Recipient, University of Denver Law School Judicial Fellowship
- Law Clerk, Honorable Raymond D. Jones of the Colorado Court of Appeals
- Law Clerk, Honorable Jeffrey Bayless of the Denver District Court

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

In 1991, Dan joined the El Paso City Attorney's Office as Assistant City Attorney where he was a civil trial attorney until 1995, when he joined the firm. Currently, he is a shareholder and practices in the areas of insurance defense, product liability, premises liability, negligence, Deceptive Trade Practices, workers' compensation, and labor and employment.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, El Paso Bar Association, College of the State Bar of Texas, maintaining member since 1999, American Bar Association, past board member of El Paso Restaurant Association, Texas Association of Defense Counsel

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1991
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1993
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 1995
- New Mexico, 2008

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, Trial Attorneys of the Insurance Bar, West's Legal Directory

— PERSONAL

- Born and raised in El Paso, Texas
- Fluent in both spoken and written Spanish

— REPORTED CASES

Daugherty v. City of El Paso, 56 F3d 695 (5th Cir. 1995); Myers v. City of El Paso, 874 F.Supp. 1546 (W.D. Tex. 1995); Parallax Corp. N.V. v. City of El Paso, 910 S.W.2d 86 (Tex. App. -El Paso 1995)

— SEMINARS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Truckers Insurance Policies," 9th Annual Ultimate Insurance Seminar. State Bar of Texas, 2000.
- "Premises Security: Liability for Violent Crimes and Adequate Security," Associated Security Services and Investigators of the State of Texas. Sept. 2003.
- "Texas Workers' Comp Update 2005," Council on Education in Management. Jan. 2005.
- "Texas Workers' Comp Update 2005," Council on Education in Management. Sept. 2005.
- "Workers' Compensation in Texas," Lorman Education Services. Sept. 2006.
- "Take the Lead in Settlement and Mediation," Settling Uninsured and Underinsured Motorist Claims Seminar. National Business Institute. Dec. 2007.



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- *AV Rated Attorney, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*
- *Best Lawyers in America – Litigation*
- *Named Texas Super Lawyer each year from 2003 to the present*

— EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of Kansas, 1970
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Kansas, 1978

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- 1977 Champion, National Collegiate Debate Competition
- 1977 Champion, Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition
- University of Kansas Law School Law Review

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

David began his legal career in 1978 with a large law firm in El Paso where he was a shareholder from 1982 until 1995. He left to join the firm presently known as Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans. He has practiced primarily in the areas of medical malpractice defense, railroad litigation, insurance defense and commercial litigation.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, El Paso County Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, American Bar Association, Defense Research Institute, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Texas Association of Railroad Trial Lawyers, and Texas Association of Defense Counsel. He is a past president of the Federal Bar Association for the Western Region of Texas.

- Frequent speaker for the State Bar of Texas through its Professional Development Program
- Frequent speaker for local and regional organizations

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1978
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1979
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 2009
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 1979

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, Trial Attorneys of the Insurance Bar, West's Legal Directory

— PERSONAL

Native of Independence, Missouri



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- *Texas Super Lawyer*
- *AV Preeminent, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*

— EDUCATION

- University of Texas at El Paso
- Texas Tech University (B.A., 1974)
- Baylor University Law School (J.D., 1990)

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Baylor Law Review, 1989-1990
- Baylor Chapter of the Federalist Society (founding member)

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jeff has primarily been involved in product liability, general negligence defense, labor and employment litigation and commercial litigation with a large litigation firm in El Paso.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Litigation Council of the State Bar of Texas, 1996 - 2004; El Paso Law Journal, Co-Editor; El Paso County Bar Association, 1997-1998; Editor, EP LAW, Journal of the El Paso Bar 1997-1998; Texas Super Lawyer, Texas Monthly Magazine, 2006, 2007 and 2008; El Paso County Bar Association, Member; El Paso Mexican American Bar Association, Member; Defense Research Institute, Member; El Paso County Bar Association, President 2003-2004; Litigation Section, Council Member, State Bar of Texas 1996-2004.

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- New Mexico
- U.S. District Courts, Western District of Texas, Northern District of Texas, Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, West's Legal Directory, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Directory of Board Certified Attorneys

— PERSONAL

- Born in El Paso, Texas
- Raised in southern New Mexico in El Paso
- 12-year career in marketing and sales with Coca-Cola USA

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— EDUCATION

- University of Texas at El Paso, Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, in Political Science, 2004
- Yale Law School, Doctor of Jurisprudence, 2007

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Charlie received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Yale Law School in 2007, where he was on the boards of the Latino Law Students Association and the Initiative for Public Interest and participated in various other student organizations.

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

While at Yale, Charlie participated in the Legislative Advocacy Clinic and the Lawyering Ethics Clinic. He began practicing civil litigation in El Paso, TX in November 2007. He joined the firm in August 2009.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Charlie is the current president of the El Paso Young Lawyers Association, and a board member of the Mexican American Bar Association of El Paso. He is also a member the El Paso Bar Association, the State Bars of Texas and New Mexico, and the American Bar Association. Charlie was recognized in May 2009 as the Outstanding El Paso Young Lawyer of the Year.

COURT ADMISSIONS

- - Texas, 2007
- New Mexico, 2008
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 2008
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico, 2010

— PERSONAL

- Charlie was born and raised in El Paso, TX and is a proud graduate of Eastwood High School.



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- *Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*

■ UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

- Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa (1975-1979)
- Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts, Cum Laude (1979)

■ LEGAL EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma; Norman, Oklahoma (1979-1982)
- Member, Board of Editors, Oklahoma Law Review (1980-1982)
- Member, Order of the Coif
- Briefing Clerk, Professor Frederick Miller (1981-1982)
- American Jurisprudence Awards in Commercial Law and Criminal Procedure

■ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Extensive experience in all phases of civil business litigation, including pleading, motion practice, discovery, trial and appeals. Caseload concentration has included breach of contract claims, breach of express and implied warranty claims, antitrust and unfair competition claims, trademark infringement claims, copyright infringement claims, business tort claims (including without limitation, negligence, fraud and misrepresentation, tortious interference with existing and prospective contractual relationships, conversion, trespass, and breach of fiduciary duties), deceptive trade practices claims, product liability claims, employment litigation claims (including without limitation, "remedial action" investigations, wrongful termination, non-compete and non-solicitation, negligent hiring, discrimination, and sexual harassment), landlord-tenant and real estate litigation claims, receivership claims, derivative shareholder claims, minority shareholder oppression claims, officer and director liability claims, construction litigation claims, defamation and right of privacy claims, credit and collection claims, and claims for extraordinary remedies (pre-judgment and post-judgment sequestration, attachment, garnishment, and injunctions). Extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution procedures, including mediation and arbitration.

Rain, Harrell, Emery, Young & Doke, Dallas, Texas (May 1982-September 1983)

- Associate, civil business litigation section
- Recruited to Rain Harrell by the Honorable Sidney Fitzwater, Federal District Court Judge Northern District of Texas, former member of the firm
- Supervised by Morris Harrell, then President of the American Bar Association, and Robert Jordan, former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and former member of the firm
- Research, brief writing, pleading and motion practice

Passman & Jones, P.C., Dallas, Texas (October 1983-June 1999)

- Officer and Shareholder of the firm; Senior Trial Lawyer, civil business litigation section (September 1988- June 1999)
- Associate, civil business litigation section (September 1983-August 1988)
- Active civil litigation practice before the State and Federal Courts of Texas

Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans, P.C., El Paso, Texas (July 1999-Present)

- Shareholder of the firm; Senior Trial Lawyer, civil business litigation section
- Active civil litigation practice before the State and Federal Courts of Texas

■ COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas State Bar Association (1982-Present)
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas (1982-Present)
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas (1999-Present)
- Dallas Bar Association (1982-1998)
- El Paso Bar Association (1999-Present)

■ PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

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- *AV Rated Attorney, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*
- *Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*

— EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts degree, Baylor University, 1981
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, Baylor University School of Law, 1985

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jeff's practice involves insurance defense, primarily in the areas of product liability, premises liability, construction liability and professional liability.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- El Paso Bar Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1985
- New Mexico, 2001
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1988

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, Trial Attorneys of the Insurance Bar, West's Legal Directory, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Directory of Board Certified Attorneys

— PERSONAL

- Born in Dallas, Texas
- Sunturians - Life Member, President, 2000



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— EDUCATION

- Cornell University (B.A. with distinction in all subjects, 1987)
- University of Texas at Austin (J.D. with honors, 1993)

— LAW SCHOOL HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Member, The Review of Litigation
- Note published in The Review of Litigation: "The Deliberative Process Privilege: Preserving Candid Communications or Facilitating Evasion of justice?"

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arthur has diverse civil experience, including both trial and appellate work in state and federal court.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

El Paso Bar Association, State Bar of Texas

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Cour

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, West's Legal Directory

— PERSONAL

- Born and raised in El Paso, Texas
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- *Texas Super Lawyer*
- *Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*
- *Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award, 2010 by the El Paso Young Lawyers Association*

— EDUCATION

- University of Texas at Austin (B.A. with Honors, 1979)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D., 1982)

Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Dean's Honor List
- National Order of Barristers
- National Mock Trial Team
- Outstanding Trial Advocate of Law School
- Outstanding Appellate Advocate of Law School
- St. Mary's Law Journal
- Instructor, Legal Research and Brief Writing

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jeff has primarily been involved in product liability, general negligence defense, labor and employment litigation and commercial litigation with large litigation firms in El Paso and San Antonio. In 1989 he founded the law firm presently known as Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans where he primarily specializes as trial counsel in product liability, commercial, transportation and employment litigation.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, State Bar of New Mexico, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, International Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, Christian Legal Society, and The Trucking Industry Defense Association

- Lecturer for the State Bar of Texas on Personal Injury and Tort Law topics
- Author/Lecturer, Litigation & Trial Tactics
- Author/Lecturer, Texas Association of Defense Counsel - various topics

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- New Mexico
- U.S. District Courts, Western District of Texas, Southern District of Texas, Northern District of Texas, and Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, Trial Attorneys of the Insurance Bar, West's Legal Directory, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Directory of Board Certified Attorneys

— PERSONAL

- Born and raised in Cuero, Texas
- Board of Directors, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- National Eagle Scout Association
- Texas High School Hall of Fame Football Team
- Spanish Language
- Musician (percussionist)



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— EDUCATION

- University of Texas at El Paso Law School Preparation Institute, 2000
- Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting, University of Texas at El Paso, 2001
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, Texas Tech University, 2004

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Dean's List, UTEP
- Honors Certificate Graduate, UTEP
- Beta Alpha Psi, Accounting Honor Society, Officer, UTEP

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

While in law school, John was a participant in the Texas Tech University Low-Income Tax Clinic. He was also an active member of the Dean of Admissions Recruitment Council and the Hispanic Law Student's Association. After graduation, he went to work for a large accounting firm in the El Paso area, where he was a tax practitioner and a litigation consultant.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- El Paso Bar Association
- El Paso Young Lawyers' Association

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 2004
- New Mexico, 2007
- US District Court for the District of New Mexico, 2007
- US District Court for the Western District of Texas, 2010

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, West's Legal Directory

— PERSONAL

- Born and raised in El Paso, Texas
- Fluent in both written and spoken Spanish



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— EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, magna cum laude,
University of Houston 1974
- Juris Doctor, summa cum laude, Loyola University of New Orleans and
University of Houston 1979

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Upon graduation with an electrical engineering degree, Mike was employed as an engineer for Shell Oil Company for six years in New Orleans and in Houston, Texas. During his last years as an engineer for Shell Oil, he also began working with Shell's Patents and Licensing Division in the area of patent law. By the time he left Shell Oil in 1980, Mike had obtained his license as a patent attorney. He then began a full time practice with a large litigation firm in San Antonio, Texas, specializing in the defense of product liability matters and trucking and transportation. He continues to represent insurance carriers, self insureds, product manufacturers, trucking and transportation companies and others involved in defending catastrophic losses, personal injury and product liability, insurance-related matters and commercial litigation.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, San Antonio Bar Association, Defense Counsel of San Antonio, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, Inc. (DRI), Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel (FDCC), Product Liability Advisory Council (PLAC), Sustaining Member.

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1980
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas.
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas.
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas.
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas.

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, AV Rate, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Directory of Board Certified Attorneys

— PERSONAL

Born in Borger, Texas. Mike is active in church activities in San Antonio, Texas.



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■ EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Political Science, Troy State University, 1998
- Secondary Education Teaching Certificate, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2000
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2005

■ HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Phi Delta Phi, Legal Honor Fraternity, Vice Magistrate
- Quarter Finalist, First Year Moot Court Competition
- External Advocacy Program, Mock Trial Team
- Dean's Leadership Award
- Dean's Academic List

■ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Following graduation from St. Mary's School of Law, Nicole worked as a trial lawyer in a firm that focused in school law as well as corporate defense and labor & employment law. She has extensive experience representing school districts in the investigation and litigation of administrative matters including matters before the EEOC. At Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans, her practice involves representing corporate clients in catastrophic loss cases. She also advises primary and excess insurance carriers in first and third party liability claims.

■ PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- Texas Council of School Attorneys
- State Bar of Texas: School Law Section and Labor & Employment Law Section
- San Antonio Bar Association
- Texas Young Lawyers Association.

■ COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas State Bar, 2005
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 2007
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 2007
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 2007

■ PERSONAL

Nicole is an active Board Member for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Lone Star Division and continues to serve St. Mary's as a volunteer judge for Mock Trial and Moot Court competitions.



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- *Appellate Practice*

— EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science Degree, with honors, University of Texas at Tyler, 1989
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, Texas Tech University School of Law, 1993

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Board of Barristers, Texas Tech University School of Law
- Secretary and Tribune for the Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity, Texas Tech Served in Student
- Government and Student Ambassador, University of Texas at Tyler
- President of the local pre-law society, University of Texas at Tyler
- Finance Director for the region's pre-law society, University of Texas at Tyler
- President of the Criminal Justice and Political Science Associations, University of Texas at Tyler
- Alpha Chi

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Karen began her career in the El Paso District Attorney's Office where she served as the Deputy Chief of Appellate Unit and as a lobbyist. In that capacity, she also served on numerous drafting committees including the committee responsible for drafting the State's wiretapping statutes. She joined the firm in 2000 as an appellate practitioner.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, Women's Bar Association, State Bar of Texas Appellate Section, The College of the State Bar of Texas, and Teen Court, Legal Advisor/Magistrate.

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1993
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1999
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 2000

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, The Insurance Law List, West's Legal Directory

— PERSONAL

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Certified Master Practitioner in Neuro-Linguistic Programming.
Chairman of Goodwill Industries of El Paso
Active member of the Junior League of El Paso
American Mensa, Ltd.

— REPORTED CASES

Recently reported cases include *Moreno v. City of El Paso*, 71 S.W.3d 898 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2002, writ denied)(holding that the City's notice requirements did not extend the statute of limitations for filing suit); *Marquez v. Providence Mem. Hosp.* 57 S.W.3d 585 (Tex. App.—El Paso 2001, writ denied)(holding that the sanction for dismissal was properly imposed upon plaintiff for failure to timely file expert report under 4590i).

Karen also served as counsel in such notable cases as *Bustamonte v. State*, 48 S.W.3d 761 (Tex.Crim. App.2001)(holding that rule of McCarron applied to comments by judges as well as by prosecutors); *Zubia v. State*, 998 S.W.2d 226 (Tex.Crim.App.—1999)(holding that the state was not required to prove knowledge or intent to injure a child in order to convict defendant of crime) and *Ford v. State*, 919 S.W.2d 107 (Tex.Crim.App. 1996)(holding that the state was allowed to admit victim impact evidence to the jury in death-penalty punishment phase).

A complete listing of Karen's published cases is available upon request.



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- *Panel Counsel for Major Insurers*
- *Solicitor, England & Wales*

— EDUCATION

- John Marshall High School, San Antonio, Texas (1970)
- United States Coast Guard Academy, Bachelor of Science Degree (1974)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D. 1981)

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Freshman Moot Court, Finalist and Runner-Up Best Speaker. Law Review: Staff, St. Mary's Law Journal, 1981. Two published articles, St. Mary's Law Journal: Note, "Mines and Minerals-Mineral Reservation-Surface Ownership Includes At Surface Substances and Those Near Surface Substances Whose Removal Involves Destruction of Surface By Any Reasonable Method Known at Time Extraction is Planned," 12 St. Mary's Law Journal 580-600, 1980; "Oil and Gas Programs and Broker-Dealer Securities Registration Ramifications," 13 St. Mary's Law Journal 803-824, 1982. Master of the Bench, William S. Sessions American Inn of Court.

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard as a Marine Inspector and Deck Watch Officer 1974-1979, Bill attended St. Mary's School of Law, and graduated in 1981. Since graduation, he has specialized as trial counsel in product liability, general negligence, premises liability, maritime, and commercial litigation with large litigation firms in San Antonio.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Board Certified , State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, San Antonio Bar Association, The Law Society of England and Wales

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1982
- U.S. District Courts, Western District of Texas
- Southern District of Texas, 1989
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 1989
- The Supreme Court of Judicature, England and Wales, 1999

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory AV Rated, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Directory of Board Certified Attorneys, The Directory of Solicitors and Barristers, The Law Society of England & Wales.

— PERSONAL

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- *Registered Nurse*

— EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, Wagner College, 1979
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, St. Mary's University School of Law, 1991

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Associate Editor, St. Mary's Law Journal
- Member, winning team of the Moot Court Competition, St. Mary's University School of Law
- Recipient, Best Advocate Award, St. Mary's University School of Law

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lynn worked as a Registered Nurse at New York Hospital until moving to Texas in 1987. Following her graduation from law school, Lynn joined a large San Antonio law firm where she practiced primarily in the areas of litigation and transactional health law. She then joined another large San Antonio law firm where she practiced primarily in the areas of medical malpractice, insurance defense and nursing home defense. Lynn joined the firm in 2001 and continues her practice of medical malpractice, toxic tort, insurance defense and nursing home/long-term care, including certification under Medicare and Medicaid programs.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, American Association of Nurse Attorneys, American Bar Association, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, San Antonio Bar Association and South Texas Society for Healthcare Risk Management

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1991
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1996
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas, 2002
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 2001

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, Trial Attorneys of the Insurance Bar, West's Legal Directory

— PERSONAL

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- *Texas Super Lawyer*
- *Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*
- *Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award, 2010 by the El Paso Young Lawyers Association*

— EDUCATION

- University of Texas at Austin (B.A. with Honors, 1979)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D., 1982)

Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Dean's Honor List
- National Order of Barristers
- National Mock Trial Team
- Outstanding Trial Advocate of Law School
- Outstanding Appellate Advocate of Law School
- St. Mary's Law Journal
- Instructor, Legal Research and Brief Writing

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jeff has primarily been involved in product liability, general negligence defense, labor and employment litigation and commercial litigation with large litigation firms in El Paso and San Antonio. In 1989 he founded the law firm presently known as Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans where he primarily specializes as trial counsel in product liability, commercial, transportation and employment litigation.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, State Bar of New Mexico, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, International Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, New Mexico Defense Lawyers Association, American Bar Association, Christian Legal Society, and The Trucking Industry Defense Association

- Lecturer for the State Bar of Texas on Personal Injury and Tort Law topics
- Author/Lecturer, Litigation & Trial Tactics
- Author/Lecturer, Texas Association of Defense Counsel - various topics

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- New Mexico
- U.S. District Courts, Western District of Texas, Southern District of Texas, Northern District of Texas, and Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, Trial Attorneys of the Insurance Bar, West's Legal Directory, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Directory of Board Certified Attorneys

— PERSONAL

- Born and raised in Cuero, Texas
- Board of Directors, Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- National Eagle Scout Association
- Texas High School Hall of Fame Football Team
- Spanish Language
- Musician (percussionist)



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■ EDUCATION

- Washington University in St. Louis, 1983 Bachelor of Arts
- Southern Methodist University School of Law, 1986, JD

■ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

After graduating from Southern Methodist University School of Law Buddy practiced for three years in Dallas, Texas handling commercial litigation matters for both plaintiffs and defendants. Buddy moved to San Antonio in 1989 where he continued to handle commercial litigation matters as his primary practice area with insurance defense matters as his secondary practice area in state and federal courts throughout Texas. In the past twenty-two years, Buddy has represented plaintiff and defendant clients in a wide variety of commercial matters including suits based on contracts, partnership agreements, the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, fraud and business torts over subject matters as diverse as financial services, real estate, oil & gas, and aircraft modifications and sales. While Buddy's primary focus is litigation involving commercial disputes, he has continued to represent insureds throughout his career. Buddy's representation of insureds includes the defense of claims arising out of major vehicle/truck accidents, aviation related injuries, and a variety of general negligence claims.

■ PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- American Bar Association
- San Antonio Bar Association
- Instructor for the National Institutes of Trial Advocacy

■ COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern
- Southern Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
- Eastern District of Louisiana
- Southern District of New York
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth and Federal Circuits

■ PERSONAL

Born 1960, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, two children: Stuart and Emily



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— EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, Texas A&M University — College Station, 2002
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, St. Mary's University School of Law, 2005.

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Phi Delta Phi, Legal Honor Fraternity, Member
- Research Assistant to Dean Vincent R. Johnson
- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Fred Biery, United States, Western District of Texas.

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

While in Law School JJ was a law clerk at a well known Civil Litigation Trial law firm for several years. Following his graduation from St. Mary's, he continued his employment at this law firm where he practiced in the areas of medical malpractice, professional liability, premises liability, and general negligence. He has extensive experience in the representation of premises owners, insurance agents and adjusters, and real estate brokers and agents. At Ray, Valdez, McChristian, & Jeans, JJ concentrates his practice in general negligence, professional malpractice, insurance bad-faith, and product liability.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- San Antonio Bar Association
- San Antonio Young Lawyers Association
- William S. Sessions — American Inns of Court

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 2005
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 2007
- US District Court for the Southern District of Texas, 2010

— PERSONAL

JJ was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. His hobbies include spending time with his wife and child and ranching at his family ranch in South Texas.



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- *AV Rated Attorney, Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*
- *Chairman, Texas Board of Law Examiners (1999-2003)*
- *Named Texas Super Lawyer for 2007 & 2008*

— EDUCATION

- Undergraduate degree, cum laude, with concentrations in Psychology and English, St. Mary's University, 1976
- Juris doctor degree, St. Mary's University School of Law, 1980

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Outstanding Trial and Appellate Advocate, St. Mary's School of Law
- Judicial Clerkship with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

After working with underprivileged adults teaching English as a Second Language and preparing them for the high school equivalency examination, Robert began his legal education at St. Mary's School of Law. After serving a one-year judicial clerkship with the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, Robert joined a leading firm in El Paso, Texas where he represented insurance and commercial concerns in litigation. He represented clients from Cd. Juarez, Mexico, as well as clients from the United States in state and federal court in Texas and New Mexico. Robert has been involved in a civil trial practice in San Antonio, Texas since 1987. He continues to represent insurance carriers, self-insureds, medical and legal professionals, business owners and municipalities in areas of litigation involving catastrophic losses, personal injury and product liability, professional malpractice, and governmental liability. Robert, Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1987, is also an expert in insurance coverage matters. He has represented carriers and insureds extensively in coverage litigation and has qualified as an author and lecturer in the areas of insurance coverage and personal injury, as well as legal ethics and professional malpractice. He also represents clients in civil rights cases before the EEOC as well as in state and federal court. In 1993, the Texas Supreme Court appointed he to the Texas Board of Law Examiners. He served on the Board until 2003. He has also served as a director of the San Antonio Bar Association and has been appointed special counsel for the prosecution of cases before the Judicial Conduct Commission. Robert presently serves as a director of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, San Antonio Bar Association, American Board of Trial Advocates, College of the State Bar Director, San Antonio Bar Association

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1980
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 1988
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1982
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit, 1983
- U.S. Supreme Court, 1999
- New Mexico, 2010

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, Trial Attorneys of the Insurance Bar, West's Legal Directory, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Directory of Board Certified Attorneys

— PERSONAL

Robert is a native of San Antonio and is active in civic and church activities in San Antonio and El Paso. He has served on various committees for the United Way, The Seton Home, The Child Guidance Center, The Antonian School Board and the Holy Spirit School Board. Fluent in both spoken and written Spanish.



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— EDUCATION

- Bachelors of Arts degree in International Relations, Minor in Spanish,
- Brigham Young University (B.A. 1990).
- Baylor University School of Law (J.D. 1993).

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Order of Barristers.
- Harvey M. Richey Moot Court Competition Quarterfinalist.
- Phi Delta Phi.
- Honors List.

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

After graduating from law school, Michael accepted a position with the Court of Appeals for the Seventh District of Texas as a briefing attorney for the Honorable Carlton B. Dodson. He served in that capacity until he joined the firm in 1995. Michael specializes in the areas of products liability, commercial litigation, railroad and trucking litigation, professional malpractice, premises liability, worker's compensation, and appellate matters.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, State Bar of Arizona, Utah State Bar, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel, Tarrant County Bar Association, American Bar Association, J. Reuben Clark Law Society, Fort Worth Claims Association.

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 1993
- Utah, 1999
- Arizona, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2004
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1995
- U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1999
- U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2000

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, West's Legal Directory

— PERSONAL

- Born in Merced, California and raised in Provo, Utah
- Proficient in Spanish
- Private Pilot



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■ EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies, Texas Christian University, 2005
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, Baylor Law, 2008

■ HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Order of the Barristers
- Dean's List
- Student Bar Association, President and Parliamentarian
- High A in Environmental Law

■ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Prior to joining Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans, Emily worked as an associate at Henslee Schwartz in Fort Worth where she represented independent school districts and advised them in a variety of matters.

■ PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Young Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Tarrant County Bar Association
- Tarrant County Young Lawyers

■ COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 2008

■ PERSONAL

Born and raised in Joshua, Texas.



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- *American Board of Trial Advocates*
- *Texas Super Lawyer*

EDUCATION

- - Bachelor of Arts degree, North Texas State University, 1977
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, St. Mary's University School of Law, 1981

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- - Phi Alpha Delta
- 1976 Texas State Collegiate Debate Champion, North Texas State University
- 1980 Texas State Moot Court Champion, St. Mary's University School of Law
- Law Review: St. Mary's Law Review
- Member, National Order of Barristers

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- In 1981, John joined a large El Paso law firm as a personal injury and commercial litigator. He subsequently became a partner in the firm and remained there until February 1990, when he left to join the law firm presently known as Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

- State Bar of Texas, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Defense Research Institute, American Board of Trial Advocates, National Association of Railroad Trial Lawyers, Texas Association of Railroad Trial Lawyers, American Bar Association, and local bar associations.

John has published articles in law school and as an attorney relating to various legal topics.

COURT ADMISSIONS

- - Texas, 1981
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2003
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, 1983
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers, Best's Directory of Recommended Insurance Attorneys and Adjusters, Trial Attorneys of the Insurance Bar, West's Legal Directory, Texas Board of Legal Specialization Directory of Board Certified Attorneys

PERSONAL

- Born in Big Spring, Texas and raised in Big Spring, Texas and El Dorado, Kansas



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- *Texas Rising Star 2010 (Texas Monthly Magazine)*
- *Shareholder*

— EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts in History, magna cum laude, Texas Wesleyan University, 1996
- Doctor of Jurisprudence, Baylor University School of Law, 1999

— HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS

- Baylor Law Review, Assistant Managing Editor
- Phi Alpha Delta, Chapter Justice, Baylor Law Chapter
- Mortar Board National Honor Society, Chapter President
- Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Chapter Chair, Professional Committee
- Hatton W. Summers Scholar

— PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

While in law school, Sunny clerked at the Tarrant County District Attorney's Office in the Crimes Against Children Unit. Before joining Ray, Valdez, McChristian & Jeans, Sunny was an associate at a Houston litigation boutique, where her practice centered on securities and complex litigation.

— PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

State Bar of Texas, Texas Young Lawyers Association, Fort Worth-Tarrant County Young Lawyers Association, Tarrant County Bar Association, Texas Association of Defense Counsel.

— COURT ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 2004

— PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE

- Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, West's Legal Directory
- Co-Author, Proximate Cause and the Loss of Chance Doctrine, Advanced Medical Malpractice Course, 2003

— PERSONAL

Born and raised in the Fort Worth, Texas area