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I am a *cum laude* graduate of Oklahoma Christian and Texas Tech University where I received a B.A. in accounting, M.B.A. and J.D, respectively. In addition to my Texas Bar license, I hold C.P.A. licenses in Texas and Oklahoma.

I bring to the table a varied professional career, including the following:

- National Bank Examiner, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, US Treasury;
- o Judge, Amarillo Municipal Court of Record;
- Risk Manager, Ultramar Diamond Shamrock;
- Oil and Gas Producer, Sunoco Unit (27 years and current);
- Trial Attorney (39 years and current) having represented the prevailing party in three Supreme Court cases, two of which secured constitutional rights;
- CPA 319 years); and
- Texas Counsel for the Center for Public Policy (10 years and current).

I believe people do what is important to them. Throughout my career, my priority has been to fight for the constitutional rights and liberties of all Texans including two constitutional Texas Supreme Court victories. Over ten years ago I began working as Texas Counsel for the Center for Security Policy and served as the lead attorney in supporting American Laws for American Courts to prevent any foreign law (including Sharia) which violates our fundamental constitutional rights, from being enforced in Texas' courts. I have been honored to speak in over 150 engagements across Texas on topics such as Sharia, Sharia and Women, The American Covenant, Reflections on Political Christianity, the Constitution, Scripture and the RPT Principles, among other liberty topics. In addition to my SREC duties, I currently spend time on two initiatives with Col. Phil Waldron, (Ret), one being a private sector response to the slave/sex trade in Texas and the other concerning voter fraud and election integrity. I continue to work with the Center for Security Policy on issues such as securing our southern border and our power grid. I enjoy sponsoring and leading an ongoing Constitution Day event where select lawyers and judges present to thousands of high school students lessons on the constitution who receive pocket constitutions. Additionally, I have served as counsel for the Truth in Textbooks Coalition, fighting back on liberals who want to indoctrinate our children. I am also fighting for the Right to Life by working on the Texas Sanctuary Cities for the Unborn initiative. I have been an active precinct chair in Comal County (6 years) and an elected delegate for four state conventions and served as a National Convention Delegate, alternate in 2020.

Texas Tech Law School published my dissertation on "The Right to Anonymity" and successfully petitioned the Texas legislators to amend Texas Penal Code 38.02 making it constitutional. As a citizen activist on other legislative initiatives, I assisted in the passage of the Paster Protection Act. I have also worked on bill drafting and testifying in both chambers on numerous proposed bills such as See Something, Say Something.

After co-founding a K-12 school (classical/principle approach) in Oklahoma, I moved to Spring Branch with my two children and homeschooled my daughter through graduation. I also co-founded an ongoing character program known as EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK), a multi-state program providing school curriculums for students to learn why and how to serve, partnering with local Rotary Clubs.

I enjoy speaking on the American Covenant, the Constitution, Sharia, Shariah and Women, 7 Days in Nineveh (in Mosul where I travel to meet the Christian remnant after ISIS), Reflections on Political Christianity, the RPT principles and scripture along with other topics. I have been honored to speak on these topics across Texas in over 80 speaking engagements.

I am the former SREC Committeeman for Senate District 25. I was the Vice Chair for the Resolutions Committee and a member of the Legislative Priorities Committee. Additionally, I served as the Chair for the SREC Legislative Priorities Sub-committee on Gun Rights.