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The Law Office of Lauren Gaydos Duffer, P.C. - Arlington, Texas

President/Attorney, 2008-present

Represent clients in collaborative and litigated domestic disputes; represent prospective adoptive parents and birth parents in adoption and termination proceedings; represent surrogates in review and negotiation of surrogacy arrangements; represent intended parents in drafting, review, and validation of surrogacy agreements; represent embryo donors and recipients in drafting and review of embryo donation contracts; and represent intended parents and egg donors in review of and drafting of egg donor contracts.

Calabrese Associates, P.C. - Dallas, Texas; Associate Attorney, 2006-2008

Represented clients in collaborative and litigated domestic disputes; represented prospective adoptive parents in adoption proceedings, drafted and reviewed contracts for third party assisted reproductive technology matters.

Cotten Schmidt, L.L.P. -Fort Worth, Texas; Associate Attorney, 2003-2006

Independently managed civil and business litigation matters involving domestic disputes, insurance defense, premises liability, debt collection, medical malpractice, employment disputes, and probate.

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, J.D. 2003.

Baylor University, Waco, Texas, B.A. in Communications 1999.

Civil and Family Law Mediator

Collaborative Law Basic Training and Intermediate Training

Amicus Attorney Certification

ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys, Arlington Bar Association (President 2012-2013, Vice President 2011-2012, Secretary/Treasurer 2010- 2011 , Board of Directors 2009-2010, 2013-2014), Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, Texas Young Lawyers Association, Arlington Young Lawyers Association (President 2010), Collaborative Law Institute of Texas, Collaborative Lawyers of Arlington and Mansfield (President 2008-2012), Texas Bar College, State Bar of Texas Family Law Section, State Bar of Texas Collaborative Law Section, RESOLVE, American Society of Reproductive Medicine, State Bar of Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

AAARTA 2017 Master the Art of Family Building Paralegal Conference, 2017
Navigating the Minefield Without Stepping on a Grenade

UTA Women and Gender Studies, 2016
Reproductive Justice

Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, 2014
Don't Put Your Eggs in One Basket, What the Family Law Attorney Needs to Know About Assisted Reproductive Technology.

Arlington Rotary Club, 2014
Collaborative Law-What it is and Why You Should Know About It

RESOLVE, 2012
Surrogacy In Texas-What to Know

Conceivable Options Family Building Workshop, 2012

Dispute Resolution Services of North Texas Mediation Training
Suits Affecting Parent Child Relationship and Duties of Spouses, 2012 and 2013

Children's Hospital, Maternal and Fetal Medicine Lecture Series, 2011
Navigating the Legal Landmines of Surrogacy

Family Mediation Training, 2011
The Marriage Relationship, Dissolution of Marriage

Mansfield Independent School District, 2010
The Culture of Children Growing Up in Two Homes

Arlington Mental Health Professionals Association, 2010
Collaborative Law

Arlington Bar Association, 2009
Collaborative Law- A New Direction

Grand Prairie Bar Association, 2009
Collaborative Law

Tarrant County Collaborative Professionals, 2008
Preparing for the First Collaborative Joint Meeting