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Professional Memberships:

- State Bar of Texas
- Missouri Bar Association
- Texas Association of Mediators
- Texas Mediator Credentialing Association
 - ❖ Distinguished Credentialed Mediator
- Association for Conflict Resolution
- State Bar of Texas ADR Section
- Comal County Bar Association, Secretary
- San Antonio Bar Association

Education:

- Credentialed Mediator Training, 40 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010
- Advanced Family & Divorce Mediation Training, 30 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010 (including Domestic Violence Training)
- Elder Care Mediation Training, 20 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010
- Arbitration – Consumer Law Training, 9.5 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010
- St. Mary's School of Law, San Antonio, Texas - JD, 1991
- St. Edwards University, Austin Texas – Psychology, 1988
- Wine Spirit Education Trust – WSET III, 2011-2018

Affiliations/Honors

- Board of Directors, Texas Association of Mediators (TAM) – 2021-present
- Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, Credentialed Distinguished Mediator - 2022
- Board of Directors, Brauntex Theatre, Secretary – 2019-present
- Board of Directors, Comal WID-1A, Vice President, 2018-present
- Officer, Comal County Bar Association – Secretary – 2019-present
- Board of Directors, Women’s Advocacy Project – 1999-2006
- Order of Barristers
- Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity

Professional Summary

- Advantage Mediation, Mediator/Arbitrator/Attorney at Law/Owner – 2010 - Present
 - Mediator for family law (including divorce and custody, possession and access), CPS, construction, business, landlord/tenant, HOA, personal injury, elder care, insurance and education and school disputes and/or cases. In-person and ZOOM mediations.
 - Arbitrator for the Texas Department of Insurance, Fair Health Act. Surprise billing Arbitration and Mediation between Insurance Company and provider/facility.
 - Volunteer Mediator for:
 - ❖ Better Business Bureau, Houston, Texas
 - ❖ Fort Bend Dispute Resolution Center, Richmond, Texas
 - ❖ Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center, San Marcos, Texas
- Law Office of Elizabeth Preston –2006 – present
 - General Civil practice including Family Law, Adoption, Landlord/Tenant, Civil Rights, Personal Injury, Wills and Estates, Insurance and Appellate.
- Cook & Roach, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, Attorney/Of Counsel – 1999-2006
 - Research, editing and writing of Appellate briefs. See *Publications* below.
- Women’s Advocacy Project, Austin, Texas, Attorney – 1999
 - Attorney referral for victims. Pro Se Protective Order project for Texas Counties. Fundraising and donor relations. Board member for 7 years.
- The Law Office of Elizabeth Preston McMillin , Jefferson City, Missouri – 1994-1999
 - General civil and criminal practice. Personal injury, discrimination, landlord/tenant, family (divorce, custody, CPS), juvenile, domestic violence.
- Bexar County Prosecutors Office, San Antonio, Texas, Asst. Prosecutor – 1994
 - Adult Domestic Violence prosecutor. Supervisor over five social workers. Daily domestic violence, protective order docket and trials. Criminal misdemeanor intake.
- Missouri Department of Social Services, Appeals Unit, Attorney – 1992-1994

- Appellate Attorney handling all Petitions for Judicial Review, SSI appeals and child support throughout the District Courts of Missouri and all cases to the Courts of Appeals in Missouri. Successfully appealed, *Oberg v. Oberg* in the Western District Appeals Court, which set the precedent for child support continuing to accrue if obligated parent is in jail.
- Missouri Department of Social Services, Hearings Officer – 1992
 - Hearing officer for child support hearings in department. State attorney for SSI hearings.
- Speiser, Krause, Madole & Mendelsohn, Mata, San Antonio, Texas, Attorney – 1991-1992
 - Personal Injury law firm handling wrongful death, negligence, aviation accidents, environmental accidents. Research, motions and legal writing. Clerk/Attorney.
- Judge Carleton B. Spears, 150th District Court, San Antonio, Texas, Intern – 1991
 - Observed day to day activity and civil jury trials. Researched case law and statutes for Judge. Attended legal and judicial functions with Judge.
- Comal County District Attorney's Office, New Braunfels, Texas, Intern – 1989
 - Research and memorandums of Law for Prosecutors.
- Constable Margaret Gomez, Austin, Texas, Legal Clerk – 1987
 - Warrant research and writing.
- Crime Victim Clearinghouse, Austin, Texas, Clerk – 1986
 - Assisted with Rape Kit, which established and funded rape kits to be available in every county in Texas. Legislative research and writing.

Publications

- Elizabeth H. Preston and Robert M. Roach, Jr., *Cutting Edge Insurance Claims*, South Texas College of Law, Texas Insurance Law Symposia, November 11-12, 1999