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Professional Memberships:

- State Bar of Texas
- Missouri Bar Association
- Texas Association of Mediators
- Association for Conflict Resolution
- State Bar of Texas ADR Section
- Comal County Bar Association

Education:

- Credentialed Mediator Training, 40 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2009
- Advanced Family & Divorce Mediation Training, 30 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010 (Including Domestic Violence training)
- Arbitration – Consumer Law Training 9.5 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010
- Elder Care Mediation Training, 20 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010
- St. Mary's School of Law, San Antonio, Texas – Juris Doctor, 1991
- St. Edwards University, Austin Texas –BA. Psychology, 1988

Affiliations/Honors

- Board of Directors, Women's Advocacy Project – 1999-2006
- Order of Barristers
- Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity

Professional Summary

- Advantage Mediation, Mediator/Owner – 2009-present
 - Mediator for family law (divorce and custody), construction, business, landlord/tenant, personal injury, medical malpractice, insurance, elder care and education advocacy.
 - Volunteer Mediator for:
 - ❖ Better Business Bureau, Houston, Texas
 - ❖ Fort Bend Dispute Resolution Center, Richmond, Texas
 - ❖ Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center, San Marcos, Texas
- Wayward Wine Consulting – 2016 – present
 - WSET Diploma Candidate for wine and spirits. Wine consulting, tastings, cellar valuation and organization, retail sales, brokerage and sourcing rare wines. Monthly wine article in West and North New Braunfels Magazine.
- The Law Office of Elizabeth H. Preston –2006-present
 - Family law, wills and estates, personal injury, general civil practice
- Cook & Roach, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, Attorney/Of Counsel – 1999-2006
 - Research, editing and writing. 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, adoption), juvenile, domestic violence.
- Bexar County Prosecutors Office, San Antonio, Texas, Asst. Prosecutor – 1994
 - Adult Domestic Violence prosecutor. Supervised 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. Precedent setting, *Oberg v. Oberg* in the Western District.
- 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 all 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 new 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
 - * Awarded best paper.