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## **EDUCATION**

B.A. with Honors, Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 1973  
J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 1977

## **STATE BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

Active: State Bar of Texas (since November 1982)  
Inactive/Retired: Arizona, Massachusetts, Navajo Nation

## **FEDERAL COURT ADMISSIONS**

U.S. Supreme Court; Second Circuit Court of Appeals; Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals;  
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Tenth Circuit Court of  
Appeals; D. Ariz.; D. Colo.; D. Mass.; W.D. Texas; N.D. Texas; E.D. Texas; S.D. Texas

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Senior Attorney, Disability Rights Texas (formerly Advocacy, Inc.) (1996–present)  
Shareholder, East & Martinez, P.C., Austin, Texas (1992–1996)  
Shareholder, Hahn, Levy & East, P.C., Austin, Texas (1989–1992)  
Associate, Law Offices of Frank T. Ivy, Austin, Texas (1982–1989)

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Life Member, Texas Bar Foundation  
Member, Texas Bar College  
Past Board Member, National Employment Lawyers Association  
Past Board Member, Texas Employment Lawyers Association  
Past Member, Legal Committee, National Disability Rights Network  
Past Board Member, Labor & Employment Section, Travis County Bar Association  
Past Board Member, Capitol Area AIDS Legal Project  
Past Chair, Disability Right Committee, National Employment Lawyers Association  
Member, Legal Advocacy Subcommittee, American Diabetes Association

## HONORS

Texas “Super Lawyers,” 2003–2006, 2008–2009, 2013–2023  
Lex Frieden Employment Awards, Governor’s Trophy, Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities (2015)  
J. Chrys Dougherty Legal Services Award from the State Bar of Texas (2011)  
Martha Arbuckle Meritorious Service Award, Austin Mayor’s Committee for People with Disabilities (2008)  
Texas Law Fellowships “Excellence in Public Interest” Award (2003)

## SELECTED LAW-RELATED PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Chapter co-author and editor, “Workers with Disabilities,” *Employee & Union Member Guide to Labor Law* (Thomson Reuters)  
“The ADA at 30—Lessons from the Pandemic,” *Texas Lawyer* (October 2020)  
“Assigning Meaning to the ADA’s Reassignment Accommodation,” *UNT Dallas L. Rev. On the Cusp* (Summer 2017)  
“Pleading Disability After the ADAAA,” 31 *Hofstra Lab. & Emp. L. J.* 1 (2013) (co-authors Kevin Barry & Marcy Karin)  
“The ADA Amendments Act of 2008 and Employment: Practical Strategies,” *Clearinghouse Review* (July-August 2009) (co-author Claudia Center)  
“Deciphering Disability,” *Trial* magazine (August 2007)  
“The Future of Title II of the ADA as a Way of Remedying Discrimination by State Government,” 22 *Civil Rights Litigation & Attorneys Fees Annual Handbook* 12-1 (Thompson West 2006)  
“The ADA at 15—Struggling to Fulfill Its Promise,” *Texas Bar Journal* (July 2005)  
“Don’t Overlook the *Little Things*,” *Texas Lawyer*, April 4, 2005  
“Disability Rights—The State of the ADA,” 20 *Civil Rights Litigation & Attorneys Fees Annual Handbook* 12-1 (Thompson West 2004)  
“Tightening the Noose—The Supreme Court’s Most Recent ADA Decisions,” 18 *Civil Rights Litigation & Attorneys Fees Annual Handbook* 10-1 (Thompson West 2002)  
“*Board of Trustees v. Garrett*—The Threat of ‘New Federalism’,” 17 *Civil Rights Litigation & Attorneys Fees Annual Handbook* 9-3 (West Group 2001)

Author/Speaker for the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, UT Law CLE, Fifth Circuit Judicial Conference, ALI-ABA, South Texas College of Law, National Employment Lawyers Association, National Disability Rights Network, National Assistive Technology Project, and various state and local bar associations