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Washington University School of Law (J.D., 1997)
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Texas Bar Foundation, Fellow
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Professional Presentations and Publications

"Solidify Market Understanding Through Comprehensive Q&A with Seasoned IDF Managers," Panelist, IIR's 6th Annual Event: Alternative Investing Through Life Insurance and Annuities (Miami, Florida; February 2008)

"Trend Focus: Are Annuities Gaining Ground on Life Insurance?" IIR's 5th Annual Event: Alternative Investing Through Life Insurance and Annuities (Miami, Florida; February 2007)

"Private Placement Life Insurance Planning," ALI-ABA Estate Planning Course Materials Journal (June/August 2006)

"Estate Planning Opportunities with Private Placement Life Insurance," Texas Bar Continuing Legal Education Conference Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course (Houston, Texas; June 2006)

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“Back to Basics: Revisit the Fundamentals and Convergence of Hedge Funds, PPLI’s & Annuities” and “Key Concerns in Complying with Tax Regulations,” FRA’s 3rd Annual Event: Insurance & Annuity-Based Hedge Fund Investing Forum (New York, New York; December 2005)

“Life Insurance and Annuity Basics: Product, Tax and Regulatory Issues” and “Legal Issues and Structures: What’s going on in the PPLI Marketplace,” IBC’s 3rd Annual National Event: Hedge Fund Investing through Life Insurance and Annuities (New York, New York; June 2005)

“Nuts and Bolts of Estate Planning and Probate,” Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course, State Bar of Texas (San Antonio, Texas; June 2004)

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“Estate and Disability Planning: The Basics,” Business & Professional Women’s Organization – Austin/Capitol City Chapter (Austin, Texas; March 2002)

“Basic Estate Administration for the Texas Paralegal,” National Business Institute’s Institute for Paralegal Education (Austin, Texas; January 2001)

“Tax, Fiduciary, and Other Issues Regarding Financial Powers of Attorney,” Speaker, Advanced Trust School, Texas Bankers Association (San Antonio, Texas; September 2000)

“What Every Estate Planner Needs to Know about Intellectual Property,” Co-Author, Twelfth Annual Wills & Probate Institute, University of Houston Law Foundation (Houston, Texas; September 1998)

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