

CURRICULUM VITAE OF CHRISTINE BUTTS

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: April 12, 1971
Place of Birth: Houston, Texas
Citizenship: United States
Marital Status: Married to Donald Butts, II
Children: Donny, Abby, Thompson, Michael

MISSION

My mission is to serve families in times of crisis in a thoughtful, compassionate, and deliberate way, when that crisis involves the loss of a loved one, the need for a guardianship, or a mental health issue.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1996-2004	Riddle & Brazil, LLP	Associate Attorney
2004-2006	Riddle & Associates, P.C.	Associate Attorney
2007-2010	Riddle, Butts & Akiens, LLP	Partner
2011-present	Judge, Harris County Probate Court No. 4	

I practiced law primarily in the areas of probate and estate planning. My background in the area of probate is expansive in that I handled a variety of probate cases involving: estate tax disputes with the IRS, the probate of wills, independent administrations, dependent administrations, heirships, modifications and terminations of trust, contests of wills, contested guardianships, 867 Management Trusts, muniments of title, and small estate administrations. In addition, I represented mental health patients as an attorney ad litem. My practice also included estate planning, business planning, and charitable gift planning.

EDUCATION

1989-1993	BBA	University of Texas	Major: International Business
1993-1996	JD	University of Houston Law Center	
1984-1989		Westfield High School, Houston, Texas	

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (2003)
- Attorney Ad Litem appointed by the courts in probate, trust, and mental health matters
- Publishing Editor of the Houston Journal of International Law (1995-1996)

HONORS

- Texas Rising Star (2008, 2009, 2010) (as published in Texas Monthly Super Lawyer Magazine)
- Houston's top Lawyers for the People (2007-2009) (As published in H Texas Magazine)
- Houston's Top Lawyers (2007-2009) (As published in H Texas Magazine)
- Five Star Wealth Manager in Charitable Giving, Estate Planning, Will Preparation (2009) (As published in Texas Monthly Magazine)

PUBLISHED WORKS

"Choice of Business Entity in Texas." *Houston Business and Tax Law Journal*, Volume 4, 2004.

LECTURES

"The Runaway Ad Litem." Presented at the State Bar of Texas Advanced Guardianship law Course, April 7, 2017, Houston, Texas.

"Attorney and Appointee Fees." Presented at the Houston Bar Association's 2012 Wills and Probate Institute, South Texas College of Law on February 17, 2012.

"Representing Clients Facing Mental Health Commitment." Presented to the Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association on October 18, 2012.

"Coordinating Beneficiary Designations-Has Your World Changed in the Last Five Years." Presented at the 24th Annual Wills and Probate Institute, September 24-25, 2009, South Texas College of Law.

"Using Revocable Trusts as Estate Planning Tools." Sponsored by Lorman Education Services, December 2, 2008.

"Intestacy and Closing the Estate." Sponsored by National Business Institute, July 17, 2008.

"Tax Exempt Organizations in Texas." Sponsored by Lorman Education Services, February 13, 2007.

"The Future of Family Limited Partnerships in Estate Planning." Presented to the American Women's Society of CPA's, February 4, 2006.

"Choosing a Business Entity in Texas with an Eye Toward Succession Planning." Presented to the Attorneys in Tax and Probate, May 4, 2004.

"Choice of Business Entity in Texas." Presented at the 2003 Accounting Expo Sponsored by the TSCPA Foundation, April 22, 2003.

MEMBERSHIPS

National College of Probate Judges, Executive Member
 Planned Giving Council of Houston, Past Board Member
 Attorneys in Tax and Probate
 Disability and Elder Law Attorneys Association
 Pasadena Bar Association
 Mensa

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Junior League of Houston, Active Member (Seamstress)
 Seamstress for Champions Figure Skating Club
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