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Born and raised in Houston, I have been practicing law for the past 26 years. I attended law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, graduating in 1995, and later completed post-graduate education in international trade and taxation at the Tecnológico de Monterrey, in Mexico, ultimately earning a masters degree in business administration from the University of Texas - Pan American. Fluent in Spanish, I am a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas and also a licensed US Customs Broker. Since 2005, I have maintained a private, cross-border US/Mexico legal practice and consultancy, currently working from Houston and Laredo, in Texas, and Monterrey, in Mexico, which is my adopted hometown. Based on a lifelong fascination with the social and economic dynamics of the 2000-mile shared border of the

USA and Mexico, my law practice is focused on cross-border trade and investment, litigation, and international telecommunications.

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT AMONG OTHER ATTORNEYS?

My special competence within the legal profession is the ability to work seamlessly in US/Latin American matters, with particular emphasis on Mexico, resulting from years of experience as a US expat. Additionally, having served as a legal advisor to judges in the border region, I understand well that rather unique regulatory and judicial ecosystem.

MENTION SOME OF YOUR RECENT SUCCESSFUL REPRESENTATIONS

Recent successful representations include the representation of Coyote Constructors, of Texas, in litigation against Murphy Oil, a NYSE-listed corporation. We have also facilitated the payment of damages to numerous minor plaintiffs in tort litigation in Houston. On the transactional side, we are currently advising telecommunications and US/Mexico manufacturing ventures.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN LAW?

Being descended from Swedes and growing up in a major American port city that is a multi-cultural melting pot, the concept of migration across frontiers - involving investments, merchandise, people, and ideas - has always been of keen interest to me, and I became a lawyer to work within the practical aspects of globalization.

WHAT ADVICE COULD YOU GIVE TO A YOUNG ATTORNEY?

Early in a legal career, there is a great deal of knowledge to be gained from government service, as the bulk of a private-sector legal career is spent trying to predict the outcome of government processes, so seeing those processes and their actors from the inside will always be useful.



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HAVE YOU DONE ANY PRO BONO WORK?

My work with ad litem and amicus court panels in Texas results in a fair amount of unbilled but rewarding work, and the same can be said of previous work with Criminal Justice Act panels throughout the state.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES?

When not working, I am learning to play the guitar, exercising with my dog at the base of the Sierra Madre Oriental, cooking all manner of Mexican antojitos, and reading up on Latin American history.
