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## EDUCATION

1993-1996 J.D., Texas Tech University.  
Received Jurisprudence and CALLI Award for Native American Law.  
Received NAWL Outstanding Woman Law Graduate Award for Texas Tech.  
Received Outstanding Volunteer Law Student Award from West Texas Legal Services (1995)

1988-1992 B.A. in Government, Angelo State University, Graduated Cum Laude.  
Minor in Communications and Business Administration.

*Licensed to practice law in the State of Texas, State of Nevada (inactive status), and in the Federal Court for the Northern District of Texas.*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2013-present Private Practice, Cheney, Fernandez, & Associates, Crandall, Texas.  
Vice-President and Shareholder

- Firm handles family law, criminal law, and general civil litigation.

2004-2013 Chief Prosecutor, Kaufman County District Attorney's Office, Kaufman Texas.  
Lead felony prosecutor:

- Criminal docket including sexual assaults, murder, directing gang activity, and manufacturing cases;
- Responsible for all civil bond forfeitures (settlement procedures, summary judgment, final hearings, harassing bondsmen in general).
- Worked with victims to help them understand the judicial system.
- Trained new attorneys.
- Assisted with local law enforcement training.

2002-2004 Felony Prosecutor 106<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office, Lamesa Texas.

Project Exile Gun Grant Prosecutor under Ricky Smith. Primary focus was prosecution of gun related crimes. Other duties included:

- Coordination of enforcement efforts with area federal prosecutors.
- Prosecuting other assigned felony cases in Lynn, Garza, Gaines, and Dawson counties.
- Spearheading training of officers on state and federal gun and criminal enforcement.
- All civil forfeitures related to criminal prosecutions (civil and bond forfeiture).

2001-2002 Human Resources and Counsel for Frito-Lay, Lubbock Division.

Coordinate Compliance/Legal/ H.R. functions for West Texas. Activities included:

- Conducting and developing compliance training programs for OSHA and other federal regulations. Handled comp and unemployment comp claims.
- Conducting accident and EEOC investigations.
- Developing labor relation strategies to insure compliance with FLSA issues.

1998-2001 Human Resources and Counsel for McLane Company, Lubbock Division, (Independent Subsidiary of Wal-Mart, Inc.).

Coordinate Compliance/Legal/ H.R. functions for West Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma Region. Activities included:

- Conducting and developing compliance training programs for OSHA and other federal regulations. Handled any EEOC, comp, or unemployment comp claims.

- Assisting managers and leaders with legal compliance issues including EEOC, ADA, NLRB, worker's compensation, and FMLA. Wrote and developed supervisor training program, which was distributed to all 17 divisions of McLane Company.

1996-1998

In-house Counsel for Tenant Tracker, Inc., Lubbock, Texas.

Advised and assisted president and CEO on multi-state legal issues including:

- Credit reporting and collections compliance, state and federal DCPA and FCRA;
- Drafted Training programs for compliance with FCRA and collection laws.
- Briefed landlord-tenant and FCRA issues for National Apartment Association and Texas Apartment Association in conjunction with lobbying efforts;

1994-1996

Legal Aid Society of Lubbock

Law clerk for Jolyn Wilkins. assisting in family law matters.

1995-1996

Briefing Clerk, McCleskey, Harriger, Brazill, & Graf, Lubbock, Texas

1994-1996

South Plains Association of Governments Dispute Resolution Center

Volunteer, mediator, and research assistant for Gene Valentini and Donna CeDeBacca. Completed 40 hour training requirements to conduct general and juvenile mediations, arbitrations, and moderated settlement conferences.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Kaufman County Bar Association

2004-present. Former Secretary.

National Association of Professional Women. Member

Lubbock County Bar Association and Lubbock County Young Lawyer's Bar

1998-2002

Lamesa Bar Association

President., 2003-2004

American Bar Association

Contributing Editor to Fair Labor Standards Act manual.

Texas Bar Association and Young Lawyers Bar Section

Co-author of workplace violence training program for employers.

Wrote brochure for small business owners and employees.

Rotary International, Dawson Co. Chapter

Board member. 2003

Texas District and County Attorney's Association. Member 2004-2013

Prosecutor of the Year Award.