



Hon. Erin E. Lunceford, JD
Mediator/Arbitrator

Licensure/Certification

- 12/98 **Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law**, Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Recertified, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2018
- 11/88 Licensed to practice Law by the State Bar of Texas
Admitted to practice before the Southern District of Texas, the Eastern District of Texas,
Western District of Arkansas, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of
the United States
- 2009 Fellow, The College of the State Bar of Texas
- 2012 Associate Member, American Board of Trial Advocates; Houston Chapter Past President
- 2012 Board Certified Medical Malpractice Specialist –ABPLA
- 2020 Life Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
- 2021 Fellow, Houston Bar Foundation

Education

1985-1988 University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas; J.D.; Graduated in top 20 percent of class; Honors: Larry Fultz Endowed Scholarship, Phi Delta Phi, Honor Court Justice, Legal Research Teaching Fellow, Am. Jur. Award/Family Law.

1979-1983 University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado; B.A. Cum Laude, Economics; GPA: 3.47/4.00. Honors & Activities: President, Arts & Sciences Student Government, Panhellenic External V.P., ERIE Outstanding Undergraduate Economics Major, Mortar Board, Outstanding Senior Member, Alpha Chi Omega Sorority.

Judicial Experience

7/31/2015 to 12/31/2016—Judge, 61st District Court of Harris County, Texas. Appointed by Governor Abbott to fill the unexpired term ending in January 1, 2017. Took oath of office on July 31, 2015. Defeated in November 2016 in Democratic sweep of all Harris County wide positions. In 18 months on the bench, presided over 30 jury trials and numerous bench trials. Lowest inventory of cases of the 24 Civil District Courts at departure and second highest number of jury trials for 2016. 84% affirmance rate in cases appealed from orders and verdicts in my court.

Mediation/Arbitration Experience

- 2022-present Lunceford ADR, LLC, owner
- 2018 Mediation Training—University of Houston Law Center-- A.A. White DRC
- 2019 Credentialed Mediator, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association
- 2018 Member, Association of Attorney Mediators
- 2019 US District Court for the Southern District of Texas—Panel Mediator
- 2021 AAA Arbitrator for Commercial, Energy, Employment, and Consumer panels
- 2020-date Texas Department of Insurance Arbitrator for out-of-network claims. Over 260 arbitrations to date

2021-date Virginia SCC Bureau of Insurance Arbitrator for out-of-network claims. Assigned 4 arbitrations to date.

2021-date Selected as Qualified Arbitrator for Colorado DOI reimbursement dispute arbitration program.

Mediations: Over 225 mediations to date

Arbitrations: Numerous Arbitrations to date, all in very complicated contractual/business matters, employment, and non-subscriber cases.

Legal Experience

1/5/2017 to 1/15/22—Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Houston, Texas. First Chair trial attorney responsible for defense of medical malpractice and other tort and contract cases assigned by clients, including CenterPoint docket; Appellate practice for Health Care Liability Claims; Appointed as Guardian Ad Litem in various Harris County Cases; Mediation & Arbitration Practice; Peer Review Hearing Officer appointments; designated expert witness on reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees. **Total career trials to verdict: 38 Total appeals: 40.**

6/2014 to 7/31/2015—Sprott Newsom Lunceford Quattlebaum Messenger, PC; **Managing Shareholder.** In addition to handling an active trial docket representing primarily health care clients, supervised day to day activities of a 10-lawyer firm, including personnel issues, office lease negotiations, and all other firm management activities. Also served as appointed Guardian Ad Litem in Harris County District Courts in more than 50 cases.

1/2006 to 5/2014--Sprott, Rigby, Newsom, Lunceford, PC; **Shareholder.** Defended insured clients in litigated cases and appeals, primarily insurance defense with a special emphasis in premises liability, non-subscriber employment injuries, and medical malpractice defense. Served as lead counsel in hundreds of cases. Also represented physicians and other health professionals in licensing actions.

10/99 to 1/2006--Munisteri, Sprott, Rigby, Newsom & Robbins; **Senior Associate.**

1/98 to 9/99--Self-employed; Midland and Houston, Texas; **Attorney-at-Law.** Completed the handling of four St. Paul cases, including taking two cases to trial and obtaining complete defense verdicts. Also successfully defended appeal of case tried in 1998 in Harris County.

8/94 to 12/97--Oppenheim & Associates, Houston, Texas; **Staff Attorney-St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co.** Tried 11 cases, all to defense verdicts, in State Courts in the following Texas counties: Harris, Nacogdoches, Bexar, Travis, and Shelby; Handled the defense of a multitude of other civil cases; Docket included medical malpractice, other professional liability, construction, auto, premises and DTPA cases.

9/92 to 8/94--House & House, P.C.; Houston, Texas; **Associate Attorney.** Trial Attorney specializing in insurance defense litigation, including personal injury, auto, premises, construction and medical malpractice litigation; Continued to represent physicians in staff privilege and PPO deselection cases.

4/91-8/92--Baker & Hostetler, Houston, Texas; **Associate Attorney.** Trial and appellate defense attorney with cases involving medical malpractice, employment disputes, ERISA, general commercial, DTPA and Real Estate litigation.

8/88 to 2/91--Wood, Lucksinger & Epstein, Houston, Texas; **Associate Attorney.** Trial and appellate attorney specializing in the defense of medical malpractice, premises, sec. 1983 and civil RICO cases in state and federal courts, representing hospitals, nurses and podiatrists.

Non-Legal Work Experience

10/84 to 7/85--Beecham Laboratories; Houston, Texas; **Pharmaceutical Sales Representative**
6/83 to 8/84--American Hospital Supply; The Woodlands, Texas; **Regional Order Services Mgr.**

Professional Associations, Activities & Honors

- 2015-2021 Houston Bar Association, elected HBA Board member
- 2015-present: State Bar of Texas Committee Member: Texas Pattern Jury Charges-- Malpractice, Premises & Products.
- 2018-2019: HBA President's Award for Outstanding Service as Co-Chair of the Bench Bar Committee.
- 2015-2016: HBA President's Award for Outstanding Service as Co-Chair of the Teach Texas Committee.
- 2012: Selected as an Associate of the American Board of Trial Advocates; past Houston Chapter President
- 2012: Board Certified Medical Malpractice Specialist
--*American Board of Professional Liability Attorneys*
- 2011: Selected as one of 20 Winning Women Trial/Appellate Lawyers in Texas.
- 2008-2015, 2018-2021: Texas Super Lawyer
- 2011-2015; 2018: Top Attorneys in Texas by Texas Monthly
- 2020: Top Women Attorneys by Texas Monthly
- GHSHRM (Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Management) Education Committee member and Legal update speaker for 2005-2014, 2016-2017.
- 2011-2012 GHSHRM Board Member and 2010 GHSHRM Vice President
- HBA Committee Chairperson for Judicial Polls (2004), IDEA (2003), Lawyers in the Public Schools (2008), Administration of Justice (2011), Professionalism (2012), Teach Texas (2015), Law Week (2016), DRC (2017-2019), Bench Bar Conference (2018-2019), Campaign for the Homeless (2019-2020), Law Week (2021-2022).
- 2003-present: Served on numerous HBA Committees: DRC (4 years), Bench Bar (8 years), Professionalism, LIPS, IDEA, Judicial Polls, Fun Run, Speaker's Bureau, Teach Texas, CLE.
- Volunteer Judge: Jessup Moot Court Competition.
- Awarded 1994 Outstanding Alumni Service Award from the University of Colorado.
- Awarded 2017 Pioneer Hall of Fame Award, University High School, Normal, Ill.
- Prior PTA Board member at Horn Academy, HISD elementary school (1993-1997)
- Prior PTO President, Pershing Middle School, HISD. (2000-2001)
- Prior Board Member, Bellaire Nature Discovery Center
- San Jacinto Girl Scouts: various positions including Service Unit Manager,-- EverRock SU, Girl Scout Troop Leader for 11 years and Ever Rock service unit BLT coordinator.
- San Jacinto Girl Scouts EverRock Service Unit Silver Award, Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Volunteer Awards.
- Team Mom for Bellaire Varsity Volleyball, 2008.
- Team Mom for Bellaire JV Volleyball, 2006 & 2007.
- Team Mom for 15 Black and 17 Red Club Texas Volleyball teams, 2005-2007.
- Previous Sunday school teacher, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church.

Presentations

- 2019: Medical Malpractice Law Update: HCA Physician Yearly Meeting
- 2017: TexBar CLE Presenter for Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law: “10 Things Judges and Juries want you to know.”
- 2017: TexBar CLE Presenter for Advanced Evidence & Discovery: “Courtroom Tips a/k/a What to Never Say to the Judge.”
- 2017: Client Seminar: “The Truth in Documentation—Avoiding the Courtroom Drama.”
- 2005-2014, 2016-2017: GSHRM (Greater Houston Society for Healthcare Risk Management) Education Day Legal update speaker
- 2009: ASHRM (American Society Healthcare Risk Management) Presenter at yearly conference: “Criminal Actions with Civil Consequences in a Healthcare Setting.”

Personal

- Married to Michael L. Lunceford, Self-Employed Petroleum Engineer, for 37 years.
- Two Adult Children, Andrew, age 34, and Blair, age 31, two grandchildren.
- Member of Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church
- Hobbies include Hiking and Rafting in the National Parks, running long distance races, gardening, sewing/quilting and snow skiing