



# DAVID A. CANALES

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EMPLOYMENT

#### **CANALES LAW & ADR**, San Antonio, Texas

*Attorney, Mediator, Arbitrator, and Private Judge*, February 2024 – Present

- Practice focused on personal injury, commercial, wrongful death, and complex civil litigation
- Alternative Dispute Resolution services as a mediator, arbitrator, and private judge

#### **STATE OF TEXAS/BEXAR COUNTY**, San Antonio, Texas

*State District Judge, 73<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court*, January 2013 – February 2024

- Presided over matters involving general civil and family law litigation

#### **LAW FIRM OF DAVID A. CANALES, PLLC**, San Antonio, Texas

*Managing Member and Attorney*, October 2007 – December 2012

- Practice focused on matters in personal injury, family, consumer, criminal, employment, business, and immigration law

#### **SIDLEY AUSTIN, L.L.P.**, Chicago, Illinois

*Summer Associate*, May 2005 – August 2005

*Associate Attorney*, September 2006 – September 2007

- Practice focused on reinsurance litigation and arbitration, and insurance class action defense

#### **DANNYE HOLLEY, DEAN AND PROFESSOR OF LAW**, Houston, Texas

*Teaching Assistant – Criminal Law*, Fall Semesters, 2004 and 2005

- Tutored students, individually and in a small-group basis, on substantive course matter

#### **EDIETH WU, PROFESSOR OF LAW**, Houston, Texas

*Teaching Assistant – Constitutional Law*, Spring Semester, 2005

- Tutored students, individually and in a small-group basis, on substantive course matter

#### **FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP**

*Claims Representative*, January 1999 – January 2002

- Handled claims involving property damages, personal injuries, theft, fraud, and other duties

### EDUCATION

#### **TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW**, Houston, Texas

*Juris Doctor, summa cum laude*, graduated May 2006

- Class Valedictorian [Class Rank: 1/203]
- Dean's List – All Semesters
- CALI Awards for Highest Overall Course Grade – Civil Procedure, Commercial Law, Domestic Relations (Family Law), Texas Practice, Torts, Wills and Trusts, and Working the CRA (Community Reinvestment Act)

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN**, Edinburg, Texas

*Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with Minors in Criminal Justice and Music*, graduated December 1998

### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Bexar County Juvenile Board

- Board Chair, February 2023 – February 2024
- Chair, Facilities Committee, February 2015 – January 2023
- Member, January 2013 – February 2024

Bexar County Purchasing Agent Board

- Board Chair, June 2015 – January 2022
- Member, January 2013 – January 2022

Judicial Committee on Information Technology

- Liaison, Non-Voting Member, August 2015 – Present

Supreme Court of Texas Children's Commission Equity Workgroup

- Member, December 2020 – Present

State Bar of Texas Civil Rules Committee

- Member, May 2023 – Present

State Bar of Texas Professionalism Committee

- Member, 2015 – 2021
- Honorary Member, 2021 – Present

San Antonio Legal Services Association (formerly Community Justice Program)

- Judicial Co-Chair, 2017 – February 2024

American Inns of Court, The Williams S. Sessions American Inn of Court

- Executive Committee, Treasurer, August 2023 – Present
- Executive Committee, Secretary, August 2022 – July 2023
- Member, August 2016 – Present

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

**DAMAGES IN CIVIL LITIGATION**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Trial Judges Panel: Effective Exhibits*

February 1, 2024, Webcast

**7TH AMENDMENT SYMPOSIUM**, American Board of Trial Advocates, San Antonio Chapter

Topic: *Panel Discussion – Jury Trials*

January 13, 2024, San Antonio, Texas

**PROSECUTING & DEFENDING TRUCK AND AUTO COLLISION CASES**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *How to Settle Your Case Ethically*

December 1, 2023, Houston, Texas

**TEXAS GENERAL COUNSEL FORUM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Topic: *New Day, Next Play: A Judicial Perspective*

November 10, 2023, Austin, Texas

**TEXAS MINORITY COUNSEL PROGRAM**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Panel – Legal Implications of A.I.*

October 27, 2023, Houston, Texas

**STATE BAR ANNUAL MEETING**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Panel – AI Ethics Unveiled: Navigating the ChatGPT Frontier for a Responsible Legal Future*

June 22, 2023, Austin, Texas

**LAWYERING 101 CLE**, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association

Topic: *Decorum within State Courts*

April 21, 2023, Houston, Texas

**PROSECUTING & DEFENDING TRUCK AND AUTO COLLISION CASES**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Moderator – 18.001 Affidavits*

November 18, 2022, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED EVIDENCE AND DISCOVERY**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Judges Panel: What Lawyers Are Doing Right and What Not to Do in the Courtroom*

May 20, 2022, San Antonio, Texas

**COLLECTIONS & CREDITORS' RIGHTS**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Pre-Judgment Remedies*

May 5, 2022, San Antonio, Texas

**ANNUAL FAMILY LAW ESSENTIALS**, Family Law Bar Association-San Antonio

Topic: *Judge's Panel – "View from my Seat"*

March 25, 2022, Webcast

**JUDGE CHAT**, American Board of Trial Advocates, San Antonio Chapter

Topic: *Judges' Panel*

February 17, 2022, Webcast

**MONTHLY GROUP CLE PRESENTATION**, Williams S. Sessions American Inn of Court

Title/Topic: *#RudeTubeNews, Pandemic Passage Pandemonium, COVID-19 and Its Effects on Travel*

November 18, 2021, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED FAMILY LAW**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Cultural Issues in SAPCR Cases*

August 4, 2021, San Antonio, Texas

**CLE TOWN HALL**, San Antonio Bar Association

Topic: *Civil District Courts Zoom Jury Trials Update*

May 13, 2021, Webcast

**ADVANCED EVIDENCE AND DISCOVERY**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Judges Panel: Resuming Virtual Trials*

April 9, 2021, Webcast

**MONTHLY MEETING**, Bexar County District Courts Committee

Topic: *Observations from the Bench*

March 4, 2021, Webcast

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, San Antonio Bar Association

Topic: *Virtual Jury Trial Update*

February 25, 2021, Webcast

**HANDLING YOUR FIRST (OR NEXT) DIVORCE CASE**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Top Evidentiary Issues: A View from the Bench*

February 23, 2021, Webcast

**ADVANCED PERSONAL INJURY LAW**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *If the Judge Ain't Happy, Nobody's Happy*

July 29, 2020, Webcast

**LAW IN THE TIME OF COVID-19**, San Antonio Bar Association

Topic: *Family Court in Bexar County During COVID-19*

June 5, 2020, San Antonio, Texas

**BACK TO SCHOOL CLE SEMINAR**, Family Law Bar Association-San Antonio

Topic: *Judge's Panel – "Lunch: French Fries or Apple Slices – What a Judge Wants"*

February 28, 2020, San Antonio, Texas

**ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY**, St. Mary's University School of Law (guest presenter)

Topic: *Differences in Practice Before the State Courts (Emphasis on Texas)*

October 19, 2019, San Antonio, Texas

**BENCH MOTIONS & TRIALS XI, BEXAR COUNTY STYLE**, San Antonio Bar Association and San Antonio Young Lawyers Association

Topic: *Ethical Traps*

October 18, 2019, San Antonio, Texas

**MONTHLY GROUP CLE PRESENTATION**, Williams S. Sessions American Inn of Court

Title/Topic: *The British Legal System*

October 23, 2021, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED FAMILY LAW**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Judges Panel – What Lawyers Are Doing Really Well*

August 12, 2019, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED PERSONAL INJURY LAW**, State Bar of Texas

Topic: *Judges Panel – How Not to Shoot Yourself in the Foot at Trial*

July 25, 2019, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED CIVIL TRIAL**, State Bar of Texas  
Moderator; Topic: *State Judges' Panel*  
July 17, 2019, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED EVIDENCE AND DISCOVERY**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *Ethical Conduct in the Courtroom*  
May 23, 2019, San Antonio, Texas

**PROSECUTING & DEFENDING TRUCK AND AUTO COLLISION CASES**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *Judges Panel – When It Goes Wrong in the Courtroom*  
November 18, 2018, Houston, Texas

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON**, San Antonio Bar Association Family Law Section  
Topic: *Learn the Do's and Don'ts in the Courtroom*  
July 16, 2018, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED EVIDENCE AND DISCOVERY**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *Gathering and Presenting Evidence in State Courts*  
May 18, 2018, San Antonio, Texas

**BENCH MOTIONS & TRIALS X, BEXAR COUNTY STYLE**, San Antonio Bar Association and San Antonio Young Lawyers Association  
Topic: *Discovery Deep Dive*  
May 4, 2018, San Antonio, Texas

**JUVENILE LAW CLE**, San Antonio Bar Association  
Topic: *Ethics of Representing Dually Involved Youth*  
December 8, 2017, San Antonio, Texas

**ANNUAL REAL WORLD CLE SEMINAR**, San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association  
Topic: *Judge Panel*  
September 8, 2017, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED CIVIL TRIAL**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *State Judges Panel - Dos and Don'ts*  
July 18, 2017, San Antonio, Texas

**TEXAS MINORITY ATTORNEY PROGRAM**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *Judges' Panel*  
June 2, 2017, San Antonio, Texas

**LITIGATION UPDATE INSTITUTE**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *Social Media – How Far Can You Go in Selecting a Jury? Finding It, Proving It Up, Using It*  
January 26, 2017, San Antonio, Texas

**ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY**, St. Mary's University School of Law (guest presenter)  
Topic: *Electronic Discovery in Texas State Courts*  
November 1, 2016, San Antonio, Texas

**ADVANCED PERSONAL INJURY LAW**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *Judges Panel – Things to Do and Not Do in the Courtroom*  
July 29, 2016, San Antonio, Texas

**MONTHLY LUNCHEON**, San Antonio Family Lawyers Association  
Topic: *Information and Tips on Practicing in the Bexar County Civil District Courts*  
July 5, 2016, San Antonio, Texas

**ANNUAL MEETING 2016**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *Effective and Ethical Advocacy from the Judge's Perspective*  
June 16, 2016, Fort Worth, Texas

**ADVANCED EVIDENCE AND DISCOVERY**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *Judges Panel – Objections at Trial*  
May 20, 2016, San Antonio, Texas

**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP CLE LUNCHEON**, San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association  
Topic: *A Frank Discussion from the Bench*  
February 18, 2016, San Antonio, Texas

**BENCH TRIALS AND MOTIONS, BEXAR COUNTY-STYLE VII**, San Antonio Bar Association  
Topic: *Improving Your Summary Judgment Evidence*  
May 22, 2015, San Antonio, Texas

**EXTREME FAMILY LAW MAKEOVER XIII**, San Antonio Bar Association – Family Law Section  
Topic: *Judicial Panel: A Hex on Both Your Houses – Dealing with Unacceptable Conduct*  
February 27, 2015, San Antonio, Texas

**FAMILY JUSTICE CONFERENCE**, Texas Center for the Judiciary  
Topic: *The Ins and Outs of Temporary Orders*  
January 28, 2015, San Antonio, Texas

**LITIGATION UPDATE INSTITUTE**, State Bar of Texas  
Topic: *State Judicial Panel: Dos and Don'ts in My Courtroom*  
January 16, 2015, San Antonio, Texas

**NBI JUDICIAL FORUM**, National Business Institute  
Topic: *As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Lawyers Make in Civil Litigation*  
November 13, 2014, San Antonio, Texas

**REAL WORLD ANNUAL CLE 2014**, San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association  
Topic: *Top 5 eDiscovery Issues for Trial Lawyers*  
September 26, 2014, San Antonio, Texas

**MONTHLY CLE LUNCHEON**, San Antonio Family Lawyers Association  
Topic: *"But He's Just a Baby! Crafting Possession & Access for Children 3 and Under*  
June 3, 2014, San Antonio, Texas

**BENCH TRIALS AND MOTIONS, BEXAR COUNTY-STYLE VI**, San Antonio Bar Association  
Topic: *Discovery & E-Discovery from Third Parties*  
May 16, 2014, San Antonio, Texas

**EXTREME FAMILY LAW MAKEOVER XII**, San Antonio Bar Association – Family Law Section  
Topic: *Lead on Judges' Panel: Real Answers to Real Questions*  
February 28, 2014, San Antonio, Texas

**MONTHLY CLE LUNCHEON**, Mexican-American Bar Association-San Antonio  
Topic: *Changes to the Local Rules and the Standing Order*  
May 14, 2013, San Antonio, Texas

**BENCH TRIALS AND MOTIONS, BEXAR COUNTY-STYLE V**, San Antonio Bar Association  
Topic: *Changes in the Pattern Jury Charges*  
May 17, 2013, San Antonio, Texas

**THE CAR CRASH SEMINAR: FROM SIGN-UP TO SETTLEMENT**, University of Texas School of Law  
Continuing Legal Education  
Topic: *The Adjuster: Dealing With and Negotiating the Claim*  
August 18-19, 2011, Austin, Texas

**REAL WORLD CLE 2010**, San Antonio Trial Lawyers Association  
Topic: *Maximizing Your Claim Pre-Litigation*  
September 16, 2010, San Antonio, Texas

#### **SCHOLARSHIP AND ARTICLES**

#### **“DISCOVERY DEEP DIVE: PRESERVATION, PRODUCTION, AND SPOILIATION OF ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION AND OTHER PRE-SUIT CIVIL DISCOVERY ISSUES”**

Seminar: Bench Trials and Motions, Bexar County-Style X, San Antonio Bar Association and San Antonio Young Lawyers Association

Article Co-Author, May 4, 2018, San Antonio, Texas

#### **“DEFAULT JUDGMENTS AND MOTIONS FOR NEW TRIAL”**

Seminar: Bench Trials and Motions, Bexar County-Style VIII, San Antonio Bar Association

Article Co-Author: May 20, 2016

#### **“IMPROVING YOUR SUMMARY JUDGMENT EVIDENCE”**

Seminar: Bench Trials and Motions, Bexar County-Style VII, San Antonio Bar Association

Article Co-Author, May 22, 2015, San Antonio, Texas

#### **“DISCOVERY & E-DISCOVERY FROM THIRD PARTIES”**

Seminar: Bench Trials and Motions, Bexar County-Style VI, San Antonio Bar Association

Article Co-Author: May 16, 2014, San Antonio, Texas

#### **“CHANGES IN THE PATTERN JURY CHARGES”**

Seminar: Bench Trials and Motions, Bexar County-Style V, San Antonio Bar Association

Article Co-Author: May 17, 2013, San Antonio, Texas

**“2(B) OR NOT 2(B): EMERGING USE OF 23(B)(2) INJUNCTIVE CLASS ACTIONS”**

Seminar: Class Action Litigation 2007, Practising Law Institute

Co-Author, June 11-12, 2007, New York City, New York

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

American Bar Association Award, 2006

San Antonio’s Best Lawyers in 2011 and 2012

William S. Sessions American Inn of Court Gerry Goldstein Award

Course Director, Advanced Personal Injury Law Course, State Bar of Texas, July 25-27, 2018, San Antonio, Texas