

# **PHILIP D. PHILLIPS**

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## **PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY**

### **Education:**

Eastern Hills High School, Fort Worth, Texas (1972)  
University of Texas at Austin (B.A. in Government, 1976)  
University of Houston Bates School of Law (Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1979)

### **Licensed:**

State of Texas – 1979  
U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas – 1981

### **Board Certification:**

Family Law – Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 1984 (Recertified in 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 & 2009)

### **Professional Employment:**

Marc Flatow – Houston, Texas (Plaintiffs Personal Injury Firm) – Law Clerk, 1977 – 1978  
McGuire, Levy & McCurley – Irving, Texas (Family Law & Business Litigation), 1979  
Law Office of Philip D. Phillips – Dallas, Texas (Family Law, & Business Litigation), 1979 - 1980  
Lollar, Phillips, Factor & Blanco, P.C. (includes predecessor firms)– Fort Worth, Texas (Family Law, Business Law & Contracts; Managing Partner), 1980 – 1993  
Blanco & Phillips, L.L.P. – Hurst, Texas (Family Law, Business Law & Personal Injury Defense) – 1994 – 1999  
Cochran & Phillips, L.L.P. – Arlington, Texas, 1999 – 2006  
Law Office of Cochran & Phillips (Not a partnership)– Arlington, Texas 2006 – 2011  
Law Office of Philip D. Phillips – Fort Worth, Texas, 2011 - Present

### **Practice Experience:**

Current practice consists of Family Law, including QDROs

### **Current Professional Memberships:**

Member, State Bar of Texas

Member, Family Law Section – State Bar of Texas

Member, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists

Member, Tarrant County Bar Association

Past-President / Director / Member, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association

### **Professional Activities and Honors:**

- President, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, 1995
- Board of Directors, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, 1990 – 1996, 2001 – 2004
- Grievance Committee Member & Dist. 7A-2 Panel Chair, State Bar of Texas, 1996 – 2001
- Volunteer Associate Judge, 231<sup>st</sup> District Court, Tarrant County, Texas, 1991, 1992 & 1997
- Volunteer Associate Judge, 233<sup>rd</sup> District Court, Tarrant County, Texas, 1998
- Volunteer Associate Judge, 322<sup>nd</sup> District Court, Tarrant County, Texas, 2003
- Volunteer Associate Judge, 324<sup>th</sup> District Court, Tarrant County, Texas, 1996 & 2006
- Volunteer Associate Judge, 325<sup>th</sup> District Court, Tarrant County, Texas, 1995 & 1998
- Chair, Mentor Program Committee, Tarrant County Bar Assoc., 1995 – 1997
- Fee Dispute Committee, Tarrant County Bar Assoc., 1991 – 1995
- Board of Directors, West Texas Legal Services Corp., 1986 – 1990
- Texas Super Lawyers, Texas Monthly, 2003 - 2009

### **Publications and C.L.E. Activities:**

- Editor, *Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association Newsletter*, 1995 – 2000
- Web Master, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, [www.tcflba.com](http://www.tcflba.com), 2003 – 2013
- “*Retirement*”, Marriage Dissolution Course, April 24 – 25, 2014, Austin, Texas
- “*State Retirement Plans*”, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Assoc. 2013 Seminar, Nov. 2013, Fort Worth, Texas
- “*Retirement and Employment Contracts/Compensation: Division, Characterization and Orders – State Retirement*”, Advanced Family Law Course 2013, Aug. 2013, San Antonio, Texas
- “*Exploring Employment Plans and Benefits and Drafting QDROs – State & Local Government Plans*”, 35th Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Aug. 2009, Dallas, Texas
- “*QDRO Issues in a Bad Economy*”, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Assoc., June 23, 2009, Fort Worth, Texas

- *“Defined Benefit Valuation Issues and Section 3.007”*, 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Aug. 2008, San Antonio, Texas
- *“Division of Retirement Benefits – State & Local Government Plans”*, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Aug. 2006, San Antonio, Texas
- *“A Practical Guide to the Grievance Process”*, Arlington Bar Assoc., Aug. 14, 2002
- *“QDROs: What You Need Before You Do the Order”*, Austin Bar Assoc. – Family Law Section, Feb. 2002; Tarrant County Family Law Bar Assoc., July 2000
- *“QDROs: Shared Interest v. Separate Interest”*, Tarrant County Bar Assoc. Bulletin, June 2001
- *“Retirement Plans: What to Do When No QDRO is Honored”* (Co-Author), Advanced Family Law Course 2000, Aug. 2000, San Antonio, Texas
- *“Special Problems for Divorcing Professionals & Valuation of Professional Practices”* (Co-Author), 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Family Law Course, Aug. 1998, San Antonio, Texas
- *“Practicing Family Law for Fun and Profit”* (Co-Author), Marriage Dissolution Institute, May 1997, Dallas, Texas
- *“Divorce and Protective Orders”*, Lawyer’s Against Domestic Violence Seminar, Oct. 1994, Fort Worth, Texas
- *“Special Problems”*, Third Annual Family Law Seminar, State Bar of Texas & West Texas Legal Services P.A.I Program, June 1993, Fort Worth, Texas
- *“Joint Managing Conservatorship”*, Family Law Seminar, Tarrant County Young Lawyers Assoc., Feb. 1992, Fort Worth, Texas
- *“Calculating the Present Value of Retirement Benefits”*, Tarrant County Family Law Bar Assoc. Seminar, May 1991, Fort Worth, Texas
- *“A Practical Guide for Receiving Direct Payment of Military Retirement Benefits”*, 51 Tex. Bar Journal 253 (1988)