

URSULA A. HALL

Education:

South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas, *Juris Doctorate*, May 1995
Licensed, State of Texas, United States Supreme Court, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
Centro Interamericano de Estudios de Seguridad Social, Mexico City, Mexico, Summer 1994
(North American Free Trade Agreement, United States-Mexico Trade, Mexican Law)
University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas (1988-1990)
Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts
Bachelor of Arts Political Science, 1987

Awards/Honors:

Oral Argument, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, *AIG Life Insurance Co. v. Blackshear*
Oral Argument, Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, *United States v. Harris*
Oral Argument, Fourteenth Court of Appeals of Texas, *Middleton v. National Family Care*
Oral Argument, Thirteenth Court of Appeals of Texas, *Herring, Robinson v. Childers*

Appointee, Associate Municipal Judge, City of Houston (November 2005-present)

Member, Board of Advocates
First Place, Information, Technology and Privacy Law Competition, Chicago, Illinois
Best Brief, Information, Technology and Privacy Law Competition, Chicago, Illinois
Semifinalist, Jessup International Moot Court Competition, Austin, Texas
Second Best Oralist, Sutherland Cup National Moot Court Competition, Washington, D.C.
Associate Editor, National Black Law Journal, U.C.L.A. Consortium
Best Advocate, Carl Wilson Endowed Novice Mock Trial Competition
Finalist, Carl Wilson Endowed Novice Mock Trial Competition
Octafinalist, Freshlaw Moot Court Competition
Member, Thelen Marrin Johnson Bridges Interscholastic Mock Trial Team
Member, American Trial Lawyers Association Team
Honors Pass, Appellate Advocacy; Moot Court
Research Assistant, Professor Shelby Moore; Property, Criminal Law
Battered Woman Syndrome: Selling the Shadow to Support the Substance 38 Howard L.J. 297
American Jurisprudence Award Status, Administration of Estates in Texas
Appreciation Award, *Outstanding Contribution to the Central and East European Law Initiative*,
Prison Reform, Czechoslovakia, American Bar Association
Member, Advanced Civil Litigation Class, Professor Peter Murphy
Outstanding International Politics Delegate, *Model United Nations*
Member, *Mickey Leland Kibbutz Internship Program in Israel*
Talk Show Hostess, 90.9 FM/KTSU Radio
Delegate, *Democratic National Convention*, New York, New York 1992
Selectee, Texas Criminal Defense Lawyer's Institute, Huntsville, Texas

Activities:

Member, Board of Directors, Houston Museum of African American Culture
Member, Board of Directors, Advisory Board, Chinquapin School
President, Port City Chapter, Links, Inc.
Mentor, Community Partners Advocates, Fifth Ward Girls Club
Member, Links, Incorporated
President, Wellesley College Student Government
President, Wellesley College Speech and Debate Society
President, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated
Delegate, International Relations Club
Feature Writer, *Wellesley News*

Professional Experience:

Honorable Ursula A. Hall, Associate Municipal Judge, City of Houston , Texas. November 2005 – Present. Adjudicate(d) thousands of cases; preside over courtroom proceedings, including jury trials and bench trials; setting bail; juvenile magistration; domestic violence emergency protection matters; property hearings; mental impairment hearings; warrant determinations and marriage ceremonies. (The City of Houston has the fourth largest municipal system in the country and has an average of one million cases annually.)

Ursula A. Hall, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Houston, Texas. August 1996-Present. Sole practitioner; litigation: criminal defense, international law, and personal injury.

Continental Airlines, Manager, Customer Care Department, Houston, Texas. October 2000 - May 2003. Responded to customer correspondence, in compliance with statutory, regulatory, and marketing mandates, as dual advocate for travelers and the corporation. **Continental Airlines, Airport Services Agent, Part-time, Houston, Texas. August 1996-October 2000.** Assisted domestic and international customers in ticketing and boarding processes.

Legal Staffing Services, Houston, Texas, October 1995-August 1996. Contract employee; emphasis on legal placements.

Chevron U.S.A., Houston, Texas, 1990-1995. Law Clerk, Legal Analyst, Legal Assistant. November 1994-September 1995. Researched and prepared office memoranda, trial briefs, motions, and file research memoranda for the Houston Trial Unit. **May 1994.** Researched and prepared office memoranda for the toxic tort, worker's compensation and property dockets; prepared a brief in support of special exception. **Law Clerk, Associate Legal Analyst, Legal Assistant, November 1990-May 1993.** Researched and prepared office memoranda in the litigation unit; assisted in the preparation of responses to requests for production in the toxic tort section; created a filing and discovery retrieval system for over 10,000 documents which comprise the Gulf-Chevron documents typically produced in toxic tort cases.

Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., July - August, 1994. Researched and prepared office memoranda, drafted motion for judgment of acquittal, and assisted with client interviews in the misdemeanor section.

White House, Office of Counsel to the President, Washington, D.C., Law Clerk, Summer 1993. Researched and prepared office memoranda on a variety of issues with which the Office of Counsel to the President was presented, including matters related to government ethics, constitutional law, legislation, administrative law and Presidential appointments.

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, Washington, D.C., Summer Associate, 1990. Researched and prepared office memoranda and summary documents in the intellectual property, government contracts, securities, and litigation sections.

Andrews & Kurth, Houston, Texas, Summer Associate, 1989. Researched and prepared office memoranda in the litigation, corporate and banking sections.

Tenneco Corporation, Houston, Texas, Rate Analyst, 1988. Examined, evaluated and projected pipeline cost components; prepared and maintained spreadsheet analyses and reports, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission tariff.

First Investors Corporation, Houston, Texas, Broker Representative, 1987. Represented various investment products and assisted clients in financial planning; licensed broker representative.

American Stock Exchange, Washington, D.C., Legislative Aide, 1986. Aide to the Vice-President of Governmental Affairs; areas included South African Economic Restraint Bills, Securities and Exchange Commission hearings, and the 1986 Tax Reform Conference.

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ADVOCATE, LITGATOR, WRITER

LITIGATION PLANNING

- Assess client needs through well-designed questionnaires and client interviews
- Conduct extensive legal research to determine applicable law and develop legal theory or remedy
- Analyze relevant facts, through interviews, investigation, and analysis, in support of claims and defenses
- Develop legal theory for case based upon existing law and sound, good faith arguments for extending, modifying, or attempting to change existing law
- Write predictive internal memoranda and client opinion letters for outcomes and alternative dispute resolution

PRETRIAL LITIGATION

- Prepare strategic pleadings before state and federal courts and administrative agencies
- Write productive motion attacks on the pleadings and jurisdictional matters and motion responses
- Write effective motions, and motion responses, for dismissal and summary judgment
- Execute useful trial calendar and case management strategies through motion practice, including pretrial evidence rulings, continuances and speedy trial motions
- Present effective and impressive written briefs and oral arguments to tribunals, focusing on clarity
- Conduct and respond to discovery by persuasively using all major discovery devices, with expert, lay, party and non-party witnesses, including depositions, interrogatories, production requests, physical and mental examinations, requests for admissions, stipulations and protective orders
- Develop creative, persuasive and innovative legal argument presentations for dismissals in criminal matters

TRIAL AND APPELLATE LITIGATION

- First chair jury and bench trials in civil and criminal matters in state and federal court (trial preparation, jury selection, opening statements, direct examination, exhibits, cross-examination, closing arguments, objections)
- Author appellate motions and briefs, present appellate arguments upon invitation to do so in appellate courts
- Won mock trial and moot court accolades and competitions in internal and national competitions
- Preside over Class C misdemeanor and City Ordinance Violations in Municipal Court as an Associate Municipal Judge

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CONTRACT ATTORNEY

Ware, Jackson, Lee & Chambers, Houston, Texas, April-May 2009
Pretrial preparation work; electronic document review, *eDiscovery* System

Ware, Jackson, Lee & Chambers, Houston, Texas, July 2008
Electronic document review, *eDiscovery* System

McCarter & English – AstraZeneca, Newark, New Jersey, January-April 2008.
Electronic document review, *Ringtail* Documents System

Porter & Hedges, Houston Texas, December 2007
Electronic Document Review, *ImageDepot* Discovery System

Shell Oil Company, U.S.A. – WallaceKing, Houston, Texas 2005-2006.
Electronic document review, *Introspect* Discovery System.

Fulbright & Jaworski - Schulmberger, Houston, Texas, 2005.
Electronic document Review, *EED*-Electronic Discovery System.

Full View Partners - O'Melveny & Meyers - Enron, Houston, Texas, 2005.
Electronic document review, *E-Discovery* Systems.

Atchley Russell - HB Zachry Company, Houston, Texas, 2004-2005.
Asbestosis docket depositions (depose and defend).

Germer Gertz - HB Zachry Company, Houston, Texas, 2004-2005.
Silicosis docket depositions (deposed and defended).

Howrey & Simon - Merck Pharmaceuticals, Houston, Texas 2004.
Electronic document review, *Ringtail* Documents System.