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**Education:**

Harvard Law School, J.D. 1973 *magna cum laude*. Editor, HARVARD LAW REVIEW, vols. 85-86; Senior Editor, vol. 86; Sears Prize, 1972 (awarded to the two highest-ranking students after the second year).

Harvard University, A.B. 1970 *magna cum laude* in English. Harvard College Scholarship (honorary); Phi Beta Kappa.

Public schools in Alvin, Texas.

**Employment:**

William C. Liedtke, Sr. Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Texas School of Law, since 2017.

William C. Liedtke, Sr. Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law, 1985-2017.

Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law, 1977-2017.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Texas School of Law, 1987-91.

Visiting Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School, summer, 1987.

Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, 1978.

Assistant Professor of Law, University of Texas School of Law, 1974-77.

Law clerk, Hon. Charles M. Merrill, United States Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, 1973-74.

Law clerk, Baker & Botts, Houston, summer, 1972.

Law clerk, Wellborn & Britt, Alvin, Texas, summer, 1971.

**Publications:**

**Books:**

COURTROOM EVIDENCE HANDBOOK (West Academic, 26th student ed. 2023-2024; 1st student ed. 1995, et seq.) (with Steven Goode).

COURTROOM HANDBOOK ON FEDERAL EVIDENCE (Thomson Reuters, 29th ed. 2023; 1st ed. 1995, et seq.) (with Steven Goode).

COURTROOM HANDBOOK ON TEXAS EVIDENCE (Thomson Reuters, 30th ed. 2023) (with Steven Goode); Id. (23d ed. 2016, 1st ed. 1994, et seq.) (with Steven Goode & M. Michael Sharlot).

CASES AND MATERIALS ON THE RULES OF EVIDENCE (West Academic, 8th ed. 2020, 7th ed. 2017, 6th ed. 2012, 5th ed. 2009, 4th ed. 2007, 3d ed. 2005, 2d ed. 2003, 1st ed. 2000).

TEACHER’S MANUAL TO ACCOMPANY CASES AND MATERIALS ON THE RULES OF EVIDENCE (West Academic, 8th ed. 2020, 7th ed. 2017, 6th ed. 2012, 5th ed. 2009, 4th ed. 2007, 3d ed. 2005, 2d ed. 2003, 1st ed. 2000).

CASES AND MATERIALS ON TORTS (West Academic, 5th ed. 2017, 4th ed. 2011, 3d ed. 2004, 2d ed. 1998) (with David W. Robertson, William Powers, Jr. & David A. Anderson).

TEACHER’S MANUAL TO ACCOMPANY CASES AND MATERIALS ON TORTS (West Academic, 5th ed. 2017, 4th ed. 2011, 3d ed. 2004, 2d ed. 1998) (with David W. Robertson, William Powers, Jr. & David A. Anderson).

GUIDE TO THE TEXAS RULES OF EVIDENCE (Thomson Reuters, 4th ed. vols. 1 & 2, 2016; Annual Supplements 2023-2017) (with Steven Goode); Id. (3d ed. vols. 1 & 2, 2002; 2d ed. vols. 1 & 2, 1993; 1st ed. 1988; Annual Supplements 2015-2003, 2001-1994, 1992-1989) (with Steven Goode & M. Michael Sharlot).

TEXAS TRIAL OBJECTIONS (Thomson/West, 2d ed. 2010-2011, 1st ed. 2008-2009) (with Steven Goode).

CASES AND MATERIALS ON EVIDENCE (West, 8th ed. 1996) (with John F. Sutton, Jr.); Id. (7th ed. 1992, 6th ed. 1987) (with Charles T. McCormick & John F. Sutton, Jr.).

TEACHER’S MANUAL TO ACCOMPANY CASES AND MATERIALS ON EVIDENCE (West, 8th ed. 1996, 7th ed. 1992).

## **Articles:**

*Demeanor*, 76 CORNELL LAW REVIEW 1075 (1991).

*Rules of Evidence*, 11 DISCOVERY, no. 1, at 14 (1988) (with Steven Goode & M. Michael Sharlot).

*Judicial Notice Under Article II of the Texas Rules of Evidence*, 19 ST. MARY’S LAW JOURNAL 1 (1987).

*Article I of the Texas Rules of Evidence and Articles I and XI of the Texas Rules of Criminal Evidence: Applicability of the Rules, Procedural Matters, and Preserving Error*, 18 ST. MARY’S LAW JOURNAL 1165 (1987).

*Evidence Update*, 6 THE ADVOCATE, no. 2, at 65 (1987).

*Evidence Update*, 6 THE ADVOCATE, no. 1, at 9 (1987).

*The “Best Evidence” Article of the Texas Rules of Evidence*, 18 ST. MARY’S LAW JOURNAL 99 (1986).

*Evidence Update*, 5 THE ADVOCATE, no. 3, at 14 (1986).

*Evidence Update*, 5 THE ADVOCATE, no. 2, at 34 (1986).

*Evidence Update*, 5 THE ADVOCATE, no. 1, at 51 (1986).

*Authentication and Identification Under Article IX of the Texas Rules of Evidence*, 16 ST. MARY’S LAW JOURNAL 371 (1985).

*A Checklist of Twenty-One Changes in Texas Evidence Law Under the New Rules*, 2 THE ADVOCATE, no. 3, at 2 (1983). [Also in 1 TEXAS EVIDENCE REPORTER 17 (1984).]  
*The Texas Rules of Evidence—Article VIII: Hearsay*, 20 HOUSTON LAW REVIEW 477 (1983).  
*The Definition of Hearsay in the Federal Rules of Evidence*, 61 TEXAS LAW REVIEW 49 (1982).  
*The Federal Rules of Evidence and the Application of State Law in the Federal Courts*, 55 TEXAS LAW REVIEW 371 (1977).  
*Recent Case Note*, 85 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 1478 (1972).  
*Supreme Court Case Note*, 86 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 234 (1972).  
*“Corrective Advertising” Orders of the Federal Trade Commission*, 85 HARVARD LAW REVIEW 477 (1971). [Also in 11 PUBLISHING, ENTERTAINMENT, ADVERTISING LAW QUARTERLY 101 (1972).]

### **Contributions:**

*The Definition of Hearsay in the Federal Rules of Evidence*, in AN EVIDENCE ANTHOLOGY 274 (Edward J. Imwinkelreid & Glen Weissenberger eds.; Cincinnati: Anderson, 1996).  
*Article VIII: Hearsay*, in TEXAS RULES OF EVIDENCE HANDBOOK 897 (Houston: Houston Law Review, 2d ed. 1993) (updated by Cathleen C. Herasimchuk).  
*Judicial Notice Under Article II of the Texas Rules of Evidence*, in TEXAS LITIGATION READER 368 (A.F. Brooke II & Gregory S. Coleman eds.; Austin: Texas Law Review, 1992).  
*Article VIII: Hearsay*, in TEXAS RULES OF EVIDENCE HANDBOOK 897 (Houston: Houston Law Review, 1983).

### **Invited lectures and papers:**

“Evidentiary Privileges,” Evidence Summit, Texas Center for the Judiciary, South Padre Island, Texas, May 30, 2012.  
“Evidence Jeopardy,” 2011 Page Keeton Civil Litigation Conference, University of Texas School of Law Continuing Legal Education, Austin, October 28, 2011.  
“Hearsay and ‘State of Mind,’” 2011 Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Horseshoe Bay, Texas, March 1, 2011.  
“Forensic Science in Texas Criminal Cases,” testimony before the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, House of Representatives of Texas, Austin, February 15, 2011.  
“An Overview of the Standards for the Admissibility of Scientific Evidence,” Texas Forensic Science Seminar 2010, Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit, Texas State Capitol, Austin, October 7, 2010.  
“Legal Standards for Admissibility of Forensic Science Evidence,” Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit, Texas State Capitol, Austin, March 26, 2010.

“Admissibility Standards for Forensic Science in Texas Criminal Cases,” testimony before the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, House of Representatives of Texas, Austin, January 11, 2010.

“Evidentiary Privileges,” Evidence Summit, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin, April 7-9, 2010.

“Relevancy and Hearsay,” 2004 College for New Judges, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin, December, 2004.

“Child Witnesses,” 2003 Regional Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, San Antonio, January, 2003.

“Evidentiary Enigmas,” 2003 Associate Judge/IV-D Master Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin, July, 2003.

“Extraneous Acts,” College of Advanced Judicial Studies, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin, March, 2001.

“The Texas Rules of Evidence and the Federal Rules of Evidence Compared,” Objections at Trial and Dealing with the Difficult Lawyer, National Practice Institute and State Bar of Texas, Dallas, September, 2000.

“Demeanor,” 1999 Annual Conference, Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, United States Department of Justice Office for Immigration Review, Santa Fe, New Mexico, September, 1999.

“Impeachment,” 4th Annual Evidence and Procedure Symposium, University of Texas School of Law Continuing Legal Education, Austin, April, 1999.

“Impeachment and Rehabilitation of Witnesses Under the Texas Rules of Evidence,” College of Advanced Judicial Studies, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin, March, 1999.

“Evidence,” College of Advanced Judicial Studies, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Houston, March, 1997.

“Character Evidence in Criminal Cases,” Judicial Section Annual Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, San Antonio, September, 1995.

“Expert and Scientific Evidence in Texas Civil Cases After *E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. v. Robinson*,” Judicial Section Annual Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, San Antonio, September, 1995.

“The *Henderson* Case—Attorney-Client Privilege and Professional Responsibility Issues,” Cain Foundation Course, Austin, May, 1994.

“The *Henderson* Case—Attorney-Client Privilege Issues,” Travis County Women Lawyers’ Association, Austin, April, 1994.

“The Hearsay Rule and the Hearsay Exceptions,” “The Best Evidence Rule,” and “Authentication,” Regional Judicial Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Huntsville, February, 1994.

“The Hearsay Rule,” “The Hearsay Exceptions,” and “The Best Evidence Rule,” College of Advanced Judicial Studies, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Austin, March, 1993.

“The New Texas Rules of Criminal Evidence—Article VIII: Hearsay,” 17th Annual Criminal Justice Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Huntsville, May, 1986.

“Recent Developments in Evidence,” Civil Trial Tactics for the Experienced Litigator: A Performance Enhancement Course, State Bar of Texas, Dallas, December, 1985.

“The Proposed Texas Rules of Criminal Evidence,” 16th Annual Criminal Justice Conference, Texas Center for the Judiciary, Huntsville, May, 1985.

“The New Texas Rules of Evidence—Article VIII: Hearsay,” Texas Rules of Evidence Conference, University of Texas School of Law Continuing Legal Education, Austin, November, 1983.

“The Legal and Consumerist Challenge and the Teaching of Advertising,” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Advertising, Austin, April, 1976.

“Some Recent Statutory Developments Concerning Consumer Product Warranties,” Consumer Law Conference, University of Texas School of Law Continuing Legal Education, Austin, November, 1975.

**Major professional committees:**

Standing Committee on Administration of Rules of Evidence, State Bar of Texas, 1983-88, 1994-2001.

Reporter, Education Advisory Committee, Lieutenant Governor of Texas (advisory committee on public school finance reform), 1993-94.

Co-Reporter, Advisory Committee to the Subcommittee on Criminal Matters, Select Committee on the Judiciary, Senate and House of Representatives of Texas (drafting committee for the Texas Rules of Criminal Evidence), 1984.

Co-Reporter, Liaison Committee on Rules of Evidence, State Bar of Texas (drafting committee for the Texas Rules of Civil Evidence), 1981-83.

**Teaching awards:**

Student Bar Association Outstanding Faculty Award, 2004.

Finalist, Texas Excellence Teaching Award, 1985-86.

**Significant academic administrative service:**

**University:**

University Hearing Officer, 1975-86, 2007-09.

Consultative Committee on Selection of the Dean of the School of Law, 1999-2000.

Defense witness, *Hopwood v. Texas*, 999 F.Supp. 872 (W.D.Tex.1998) (expert testimony essentially adopted by the District Court); and *Hopwood v. Texas*, 861 F.Supp. 551 (W.D.Tex.1994).

Provost's Academic Council, 1994-95.

State Executive Committee, University Interscholastic League, 1986-89.

University Grievance Committee, 1985-89.

University Faculty Grievance Panel, 1978-81.

University Review Committee, 1977-78.

### **Law School:**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 1987-91.

Co-Director, Continuing Legal Education Oversight, 1985-94.

Executive Committee, U. T. Law School Alumni Association, 1987-91.

Director, Summer School, 1979-80, 1984-85, 2001-05.

Chair of major committees: ABA Reinspection Self-Study, 1989-91, 2004-05; Appointments, 1980-82; Building, 1989-91, 1993-98; Curriculum, 1977-78; Standards and Rules, 1999-2001, 2004-05; Tenure, 1985-86, 1992-94.

Admissions committee, 1980-2003.

Faculty Advisor, Leon Green Society, 2006-14.

### **Representative consulting experience:**

Consultant to Kronzer, Abraham & Watkins and to W. James Kronzer, Esq., Houston, on major cases including *Tomjanovich v. Los Angeles Lakers, Inc.*; *Clark v. Otis Engineering Corp.*; *Houston Lighting & Power Co. v. Halliburton Corp.*; and *Pennzoil Co. v. Texaco, Inc.*

Consultant to Vinson & Elkins, Houston, on major cases including *ETSI Pipeline Project v. Burlington Northern, Inc.*; *McGuire v. Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc.*; *Maxus Corporate Co. v. Kidder, Peabody & Co.*; and *Exxon Corp. v. Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's of London, et al.*