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Educational History:

Ursuline Academy of Dallas (Graduate, 1984)
Rosemont College, Rosemont, Pennsylvania (B.A., Political Science, 1989) SMU
Dedman School of Law, Dallas, Texas (J.D., 1994)

Professional History:

Atkins O'Toole & Briner, LLC 1998 to the Present; Name Partner since 2000. Practice Limited to Family Law since 1997

Professional Activities and Honors:

Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Member, American Bar Association, Family Law Section
Member, Texas Bar Association, Family Law Section
Member, Dallas Bar Association, Family Law Section
Member, College of State Bar Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation
Martindale Hubbell - Peer Review Rated
Texas Monthly Super Lawyer 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
D Magazine Best Lawyers in Dallas Under 40, 2004
Member, William Mac Taylor Inn of Court
Recipient, The A.J. Thomas Outstanding Graduate Award, SMU Dedman School of Law
Board of Directors, The Child & Family Guidance Center, 2005 through 2013
Certified Collaborative Lawyer since 2000
Trained Attorney Ad Litem, Guardian Ad Litem and Amicus Attorney
Admitted To Practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Eighth Circuits;
And in the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas

Recent Articles & Speeches:

"The Effect of Divorce on Children," *The Lunch and Learn Series at CFGC*
"International Child Abduction and the Hague Convention"
"How Courts Divide Community Property," *Texas Lawyer*
"Characterizing Marital Property," *Texas Lawyer*
"Prenuptial Agreements," *Texas Lawyer* (Nominated for a KATY Award by the Dallas Press Club)
"Grandparents Visitation," *Texas Lawyer*
"Mental Illness in the Family Courts," Presentation to the Board of Directors at Child & Family Guidance Center
"What is Collaborative Law?," *Quest Financial Services*
"Top 5 Reasons I Like Being a Lawyer," *Texas Lawyer*