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Overview

I became a lawyer in part due to my own childhood experience of losing my 46-year-old father to a tragic medical-malpractice error, which occurred when I was 11 years old. He went in for a routine angioplasty and came out brain dead. “We saved his heart,” the doctors told my mom. My dad, who was a brilliant reader and wit, a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, and fiercely independent, would not have wanted to live that way, so we removed life support and he died 16 hours later, which changed my family’s lives suddenly and irrevocably. The lawyers who later represented my mother against the hospital did so on a contingency-fee basis, and won us a settlement that we could not have afforded to secure without their help. That settlement helped me pay for my brother’s and my education, and I know my father—who was my best friend—would be proud of the work we do at HFL. As a result, perhaps, I have always performed pro-bono work as part of my practice. I believe very strongly that it is a lawyer’s duty to help those who do not have economic access to the law and to seek justice on their behalf.

I am an experienced civil litigator with extensive experience researching, analyzing, drafting, and arguing trial-level and appellate-level motions and briefs. I joined Handler Flores Law in 2022 to bring the skills I have developed over the last decade in practice to bear against any who seek to unfairly enrich themselves at the expense of others, and

to seek justice for the 99% of people who have barriers in accessing the legal system.

I honed my research and writing skills as a student at The University of Texas School of Law, where I served as Book Review Editor on the Texas Law Review and was a member of the Chancellor's Honors Society. I continued developing my skills as my husband, daughter, and I moved to Louisville, Kentucky, so I could serve as a law clerk to Judge Danny J. Boggs on the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. I then worked hard in both large and small law firms in Austin to develop my expertise in state and federal trial and appellate practice, largely practicing in defense work.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Sam, an Austin musician and public-school teacher, our two kids, Geneva and Cal, and our many Austin friends. I am a great fan of books, film, live music, travel, art, and quality time with friends and family.

Education

The University of Texas School of Law, Doctorate of Jurisprudence

Activities & Honors:

- Chancellor's Honors Society
- Order of the Coif
- Robert S. Strauss Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law, School of Law Scholarship
- Texas Law Review, Volumes 88-89
- Book Review Editor, Volume 89

Texas State University, Master of Education

The University of Texas at Austin (Austin, TX)

B.A. in Plan II/English Honors

Professional Memberships & Honors

Organizations:

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- **Barbara Jordan Inn of Court**, Associate Member (2016 - 2018)
 - **Austin Public Library Foundation**, Board Member (2017 - 2020)
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