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Biography

Professor Patricia A. Wilson has been a member of the Baylor Law faculty since 1993. Her teaching responsibilities include Employment Discrimination, Employment Relations, Labor Law, and Family Law. She taught the first year Property course for 12 years, and she has also taught courses on Antitrust, Intellectual Property, Consumer Protection, and Legal Writing. Professor Wilson serves as the Minority Law Student Advisor. She is currently taking a hiatus from serving as the Faculty Advisor to Baylor Law's Client Counseling Team given her duties as a member of the ABA Law Student Division Competitions Committee, which include writing the problems used in the Regional and National Client Counseling Competitions. In the classroom, students benefit from Professor Wilson's professional and personal experience, where she supplements textbook cases with real-life examples. Before joining the Baylor Law Faculty, Wilson practiced law for seven years, including four years with American Airlines, Inc. There, she litigated matters worth millions of dollars, negotiated and drafted contracts for topics as diverse as software licensing and health care plan administration, and handled matters involving airline regulation and employment discrimination. Family Law is of particular importance to Professor Wilson. In addition to raising two children of their own, she and her husband, Michael Jones, have fostered more than 20 children over two decades and adopted two children in the process. This immersion in the foster care system has given Wilson a clearer understanding of the complexities of family law. It is Professor Wilson's goal to train her students to become fair, ethical advocates in the face of such complicated, life-altering issues. Professor Wilson speaks regularly at continuing legal education seminars in New York, San Francisco, and Chicago on such topics as legal ethics and complex real estate negotiations. She has presented and led discussions at the Oxford Round Tables at Oxford University on gender issues in the tenure process. She is a former member of the State Bar of Texas Consumer and Commercial Law Council, and served as the Council secretary from August 2006 to July 2008. She is currently contributing editor for the Family Law section of the General Practice Digest of the State Bar of Texas. Wilson is a trained mediator and she is actively involved in the Waco community serving on the boards of a number of local nonprofit organizations.

Industry Expertise

Legal Services, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Employment and Labor Law, International Law, Family Law, Public Speaking, Mediation

Affiliations

General Practice Digest : Contributing editor, Kaplan PMBR Bar Review Course : Lecturer, ABA Client Counseling Subcommittee : Chair, Waco/McLennan County Bar Association : Director, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship : Member, Vanguard College Preparatory School Board of Trustees : Member, Brazos Valley Public Broadcasting Board of Trustees : Member, McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center Board of Directors: Member, Seventh & James Baptist Church: Deacon-Chair Elect, Waco McLennan County Bar Association: Past President, National Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: Nominating Committee: Member. Former Member of the Governing Board; former Chair of the Legal Committee., Vanguard College Preparatory School Board of Trustees: Former Member, Brazos Valley Public Broadcasting Board of Trustees: Former Member

Education

Northwestern University Law School

J.D. International Law and Business

Purdue University

B.A. Sociology

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