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Professional Background

James M. Orr was born in Vernon, Texas on September 14, 1963. He was admitted to the Texas bar in 1989 and is also admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the First and Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States District Courts for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas. He has also appeared *pro hac vice* in numerous instances in the Southern and Western Districts of Texas. Mr. Orr is a 1986 graduate of Abilene Christian University where he received the B.B.A. degree *magna cum laude* and a 1989 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law where he received the J.D. degree. Following graduation from law school, Mr. Orr commenced in practice as an associate with Strasburger & Price, L.L.P. in Dallas, practicing in the Business Litigation and Creditors' Rights Sections, where he remained until commencing in practice with Mr. Blair G. Francis on March 1, 1993. On January 1, 1994, Mr. Orr and Mr. Francis formed the lawfirm of Francis & Orr, L.L.P., the predecessor to the lawfirm of Francis, Orr & Totusek. Mr. Orr is a partner in the law firm of Francis, Orr & Totusek, L.L.P.

Professional Associations

Mr. Orr is a member of the State Bar of Texas (ADR and Health Law Sections), the Fifth Circuit Bar Association, and the Collin County Bar Association. He has served as a Director of the Collin County Bar Association, and as a past Chair of the ADR Section of the Collin County Bar Association. He is a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and is a past co-chair of the Judiciary Committee of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers. He is also a qualified mediator.

Areas of Practice

Commercial/Business Litigation, Creditors' Rights, Banking, Health Care/Managed Care Disputes, Mediation, Personal Injury, Real Estate Disputes, Adoption.

Experience/Training

Mr. Orr has been involved in commercial and business litigation cases since he was licensed to practice law in November, 1989. Mr. Orr has represented clients in cases litigated throughout the State of Texas, in both state and federal courts. Mr. Orr has appeared before numerous state and federal courts of appeals, and also the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Orr has represented clients of various types and sizes, from individuals to large corporations.

Mr. Orr has also mediated numerous (40+) cases in Dallas, Tarrant and Collin counties of Texas. He became qualified to be a court-appointed mediator in Texas in 1994. He is an advisory board member for the Center for Conflict Resolution, Abilene Christian University. His professional training courses attended include: Tarrant Co. Dispute Resolution Training (1994); "Learn from the Masters (Sid Stahl, John Estes, Cecilia Morgan)", Dallas, Texas (1998); 100+ hours of other ADR training.