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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION

B.A. in Geography, cum laude, University of Houston 1975
J.D., South Texas College of Law 1995
Certified Mediator, South Texas College of Law 1994

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of the American Bar Association, Texas Bar Association, Houston Bar Association

Private practice in Houston, Texas- practice focuses on probate, guardianship and mental health law, government benefits, and family law issues relating to these topics. Past President of the Disabilities and Elder Law Attorneys Association, Inc. (DELAA) 2000-2001

Member DELAA; Probate and Tax Law Sections of the Houston Bar Association
Co-chaired "Mental Health Law Seminar in Texas", March, 2001, South Texas College of Law

Served on planning committee for the State Bar of Texas, "2002 Advanced Elder Law Seminar" (Austin, Texas)

Executive board member of Parents as Case Managers, Inc. (non-profit) (1995-2008)
Executive board member of Archer Care Management, Inc. (non-profit support for special needs families) (2008-2010)

Volunteer at The Center for Persons with Mental Retardation, Inc., Houston Volunteer Lawyers, and several parent support groups for parents with special needs children (1995-present)

Volunteer with the Houston Bar Association Aids Outreach Committee (1995-1999)
Community & school based volunteering

PUBLICATIONS

"Overview of Forced Medication Law", James Downes & Michele K. Goldberg, for the Mental Health Law Institute, South Texas College of Law, March, 2001

"Grandparent Rights in Texas", Michele Kosoy Goldberg & Edward L. McNeil, for the Elder Law Institute, State Bar of Texas, March, 2002

“Family Law and Probate Issues”, Michele K. Goldberg, Daniel J. Goldberg & Steven Rhatigan for the Family Law Conference, South Texas College of Law, February, 2004
"Advanced Directives in the Hospital", James Downes, J.D. & Michele Goldberg, J.D. for the Harris County Attorney's Office CLE Program, September, 2010.
“Governmental Benefits and Child Support”, Michele Goldberg, for the Burta Rhoads Raborn Inns of Court conference, April, 2012.
“Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, A Roadmap for Families and Professionals”, edited by Bianna S. Nelson Goff and Nicole Piland Springer, 2018 Taylor and Francis publishers; authored chapter entitled, “Special Needs Legal Concerns: Guidelines for Families and Guardians”.

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Goldberg is a frequent speaker on guardianship, mental health law, social security benefits, and family law issues related to maintaining government benefits eligibility within divorce, spousal and child support negotiations. She has presented at the following places, among others, on numerous occasions:

- State Bar of Texas, Austin, Texas
- Mental Health Mental Retardation Association, Houston (now The Harris Center)
- South Texas College of Law
- Special education presentations in middle and high schools in Harris, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Montgomery, and Walker Counties (at different times for parent groups, social workers, special education coordinators and teachers)
- The Center for Persons with Mental Retardation, Inc., Houston, Texas
- Brookwood Community, Brookshire Texas
- The ARC of Houston, Texas
- The ARC of Fort Bend County, Texas
- Tri-County Mental Health Mental Retardation
- Jewish Family Service
- Harris County Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, Family Law, Collaborative Law, Gender Equality, and Probate Sections
- Brazoria County Bar Association
- Burta Rhoads Raborn Inns of Court Family Law conference

Prior to studying law, Ms. Goldberg taught high-school English and conducted a private tutoring service for students and military personnel. She also worked as a research assistant at the Johnson Space Center, analyzing aerial photography and infra-red satellite imagery for a NASA project on global agricultural production.