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Gaydos Duffer, P.C. - Arlington, Texas

President/Attorney, 2008-2022, 2023-Present

Represent clients in collaborative and litigated domestic disputes; represent children and parents in proceedings involving the Department of Family and Protective Services; represent prospective adoptive parents and birth parents in adoption and termination proceedings; represent surrogates in review and negotiation of surrogacy arrangements; represent intended parents in drafting, review, and validation of surrogacy agreements; represent embryo donors and recipients in drafting and review of embryo donation contracts; and represent intended parents and egg donors in review of and drafting of egg donor contracts.

The Ramage Law Group- McKinney, Texas

Of Counsel, 2025-2026

Represent clients in complex family law litigation, including divorce, custody, support, property division and protective order matters. Drafted legal documents such as petitions, motions, discovery requests and responses and settlement agreements.

Represented clients in alternative dispute resolution. Advised clients on legal strategy, rights and risks to help support informed decision-making.

Sisemore Law Firm, P.C.- Fort Worth, Texas

Senior Associate Attorney, 2022-2023

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Calabrese Associates, P.C. - Dallas, Texas

Associate Attorney, 2006-2008

Represented clients in collaborative and litigated domestic disputes; represented prospective adoptive parents in adoption proceedings, drafted and reviewed contracts for third party assisted reproductive technology matters.

Cotten Schmidt, L.L.P. -Fort Worth, Texas

Associate Attorney, 2003-2006

Independently managed civil and business litigation matters involving domestic disputes, insurance defense, premises liability, debt collection, medical malpractice, employment disputes, and probate.

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, J.D. 2003.

Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Cum Laude, B.A. in Communications 1999.

Civil and Family Law Mediator

Collaborative Law Basic Training and Intermediate Training

ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys, Society for Ethics in Egg Donation and Surrogacy, Tarrant County Bar Association (Judicial Review Committee 2025, Collaborative Law Section Chair 2019-2022), Arlington Bar Association (President 2012-2013, Vice President 2011-2012, Secretary/Treasurer 2010- 2011, Board of Directors 2009-2010, 2013-2014), Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, State Bar of Texas Family Law Section, State Bar of Texas Collaborative Law Section, American Society of Reproductive Medicine, State Bar of Texas

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

SMU Dedman School of Law Family Law Association, 2026
Family Formation Law

Tarrant County Bench Bar, 2026
Not all Superheroes Wear Capes, Surrogacy, Law and Ethics

SEEDS Spring Conference, 2026
Nightmare Egg Donation Cases

American Bar Association Family Law Spring CLE, 2023
Fallout from Dobbs

American Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction Attorneys Fall Conference, 2022
Post Dobbs, Is it Legal to Travel for Abortion?

International Family Building, 2020 and 2021
Navigating Uncharted Waters

Johnson County Family Law Bar Association, 2020
Embryos, Egg Donation and Surrogacy “Oh My”

Mesquite Bar Association, 2019
Embryos, Egg Donation and Surrogacy “Oh My”

Parker County Bar Association, 2019
Embryos, Egg Donation and Surrogacy “Oh My”

Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association-Advanced on a Shoe String, 2019
Embryos, Eggs, Surrogacy Oh My!

Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, 2018
Embryos, Egg Donation and Surrogacy "Oh My"

AAARTA 2017 Master the Art of Family Building Paralegal Conference, 2017
Navigating the Minefield Without Stepping on a Grenade

Men Having Babies, 2017
Dallas Conference

UTA Women and Gender Studies, 2016
Reproductive Justice

Tarrant County Family Law Bar Association, 2014
Don't Put Your Eggs in One Basket, What the Family Law Attorney Needs to Know About Assisted Reproductive Technology.

Arlington Rotary Club, 2014
Collaborative Law-What it is and Why You Should Know About It

RESOLVE, 2012
Surrogacy In Texas-What to Know

Conceivable Options Family Building Workshop, 2012

Dispute Resolution Services of North Texas Mediation Training
Suits Affecting Parent Child Relationship and Duties of Spouses, 2012 and 2013

Children's Hospital, Maternal and Fetal Medicine Lecture Series,
2011 *Navigating the Legal Landmines of Surrogacy*

Family Mediation Training, 2011
The Marriage Relationship, Dissolution of Marriage

Mansfield Independent School District, 2010
The Culture of Children Growing Up in Two Homes

Arlington Mental Health Professionals Association,
2010 *Collaborative Law*

Arlington Bar Association, 2009
Collaborative Law- A New Direction

Grand Prairie Bar Association,
2009 *Collaborative Law*

Tarrant County Collaborative Professionals, 2008
Preparing for the First Collaborative Joint Meeting

AWARDS/HONORS

Fort Worth Magazine Top Family Law Attorney, 2008-2022

360 West Top Attorney in Tarrant County, Adoption, 2017, 2022

National Academy of Family Law Attorneys, Nationally Ranked Top 10 Under 40 in Family Law, 2014

Texas Monthly Rising Star, 2010, 2011

Rated by Super Lawyers Thomson Reuters in 2011