

Elizabeth H. Preston

Attorney - Mediator - Arbitrator



Elizabeth “Sissy” Preston has been practicing law for over 27 years and has been a full-time mediator and arbitrator for the past 10 years. She is currently an Advanced Credentialed Mediator with the Texas Mediation Credentialing Association and a member of the Texas Association of Mediators and ADR section member with the State Bar. She has worked on both sides of the insurance industry and understands the challenges that both the insurance companies and the providers face with the current healthcare system. Elizabeth is a compassionate but effective negotiator and works hard for both parties to achieve a desired settlement. She upholds strict confidentiality and respect for all parties. Whether the mediation takes place in her office or over the internet, she strives to put the parties at ease to better enable them to focus on the task at hand, mutually acceptable settlement. Elizabeth looks forward to helping the parties through this process in a manner that is efficient and timely for both parties.

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Professional Memberships:

- State Bar of Texas
- Missouri Bar Association
- Texas Association of Mediators
- Texas Mediator Credentialing Association
- Association for Conflict Resolution
- State Bar of Texas ADR Section
- Comal County Bar Association
- New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce

Education:

- Credentialed Mediator Training, 40 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2009
- Advanced Family & Divorce Mediation Training, 30 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010 (Including Domestic Violence training)
- Arbitration – Consumer Law Training 9.5 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010
- Elder Care Mediation Training, 20 hours – Manouso Mediation and ADR Services, 2010
- Credentialed Advanced Mediator (CAM) – Texas Mediator Credentialing Association
- St. Mary's School of Law, San Antonio, Texas – Juris Doctor, 1991
- St. Edwards University, Austin Texas –BA. Psychology, 1988

Affiliations/Honors

- Board of Directors, Women's Advocacy Project – 1999-2006

- Order of Barristers, St. Mary's Law School
- Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity
- Comal County WCID 1A, Vice President - Present
- Brauntex Theater, Board of Directors - Present

Professional Summary

- Advantage Mediation, Mediator/Owner – 2009-present
 - Mediator/Arbitrator for family law (divorce and custody, SAPCR), construction, business, landlord/tenant, personal injury, medical malpractice, insurance, elder care, school and education advocacy.
 - Volunteer Mediator for:
 - ❖ Better Business Bureau, Houston, Texas
 - ❖ Fort Bend Dispute Resolution Center, Richmond, Texas
 - ❖ Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center, San Marcos, Texas
- Wayward Wine Consulting – 2016 – present
 - WSET Diploma Candidate for wine and spirits. Wine consulting, tastings, cellar valuation and organization, retail sales, brokerage and sourcing rare wines. Monthly wine article in West and North New Braunfels Magazine.
- The Law Office of Elizabeth H. Preston –2006-present
 - Family law, wills and estates, personal injury, general civil practice
- Cook & Roach, L.L.P., Houston, Texas, Attorney/Of Counsel – 1999-2006
 - Research, editing and writing. See *Publications* below.
- Women's Advocacy Project, Austin, Texas, Attorney – 1999
 - Attorney referral for victims. Pro Se Protective Order project for Texas Counties. Fundraising and donor relations. Board member for 7 years.
- The Law Office of Elizabeth Preston McMillin, Jefferson City, Missouri – 1994-1999
 - General civil and criminal practice. Personal injury, discrimination, landlord/tenant, family (divorce, custody, CPS, adoption), juvenile, domestic violence.
- Bexar County Prosecutors Office, San Antonio, Texas, Asst. Prosecutor – 1994
 - Adult Domestic Violence prosecutor. Supervised five social workers. Daily domestic violence, protective order docket and trials. Criminal misdemeanor intake.
- Missouri Department of Social Services, Appeals Unit, Attorney – 1992-1994
 - Appellate Attorney handling all Petitions for Judicial Review, SSI appeals and child support throughout the District Courts of Missouri and all cases to the Courts of Appeals in Missouri. Precedent setting, *Oberg v. Oberg* in the Western District.
- Missouri Department of Social Services, Hearings Officer – 1992

- Hearing officer for child support hearings in department. State attorney for SSI hearings.
- Speiser, Krause, Madole & Mendelsohn, Mata, San Antonio, Texas, Attorney – 1991-1992
 - Personal Injury law firm handling wrongful death, negligence, aviation accidents, environmental accidents. Research, motions and legal writing. Clerk/Attorney.
- Judge Carleton B. Spears, 150th District Court, San Antonio, Texas, Intern – 1991
 - Observed all day to day activity and civil jury trials. Researched case law and statutes for Judge. Attended legal and judicial functions with Judge.
- Stephen Munisteri and Associates, Houston, Texas, Law Clerk – 1990
 - Insurance Defense firm, memorandums of law, motions, legal briefs.
- Comal County District Attorney's Office, New Braunfels, Texas, Intern – 1989
 - Research and memorandums of Law for Prosecutors.
- Constable Margaret Gomez, Austin, Texas, Legal Clerk – 1987
 - Warrant research and writing.
- Crime Victim Clearinghouse, Austin, Texas, Clerk – 1986
 - Assisted with new Rape Kit, which established and funded rape kits to be available in every county in Texas. Legislative research and writing.

Publications

- Elizabeth H. Preston and Robert M. Roach, Jr., *Cutting Edge Insurance Claims*, South Texas College of Law, Texas Insurance Law Symposia, November 11-12, 1999
 - * Awarded best paper.