

## ANGELA DOWNES BIO and CURRICULUM VITAE

Professor Downes' law career has focus on public service, policy, and legislative efforts to protect the public trust. After positions with the Collin and Dallas counties' District Attorney's offices, Professor Downes served as the Attorney for Court Programs at the national office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the largest nonprofit dedicated to drunk driving and impaired driving issues. She is a former Senior Attorney at the National District Attorneys Association in Alexandria, Virginia, where she focused on child abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, victims' rights, and elder abuse.

She has provided training, policy expertise and technical assistance to non-profit agencies on the interpersonal violence issues of child abuse, child protection, domestic violence, human trafficking, and elder abuse. She is a recognized subject matter expert on interpersonal violence issues.

In 2008, Professor Downes was appointed by the governor to serve on the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and was re-appointed in 2013. The Board is the regulatory and licensing agency for psychologists in the state. She also served as a member of the Texas Violent Gang Taskforce from 2001-2004. Professor Downes also serves as an associate municipal judge for the City of Glenn Heights, Texas.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNT DALLAS COLLEGE OF LAW, Dallas, Texas      2015-Present  
Professor of Practice and Assistant Director of Experiential Education

- ◆ Law professor in practical education program for Practice Foundation II, Externship and Clinical Education courses.
- ◆ Assist with the management of clinical education program for law students that included innocence clinic and two Community Lawyering Centers.
- ◆ Develops community education programming for students. Including focused clinics for the community and information sessions. Expunction expo, Real Estate, Name Change, Will, and Estate Planning.
- ◆ Develops and maintains partnership with community organizations and partners.
- ◆ Designs and manages 40 Mediation Certification program for the law school.
- ◆ Oversees mediation clinic by providing supervision and hands-on instruction.

ANGELA DOWNES, LLP, Irving, Texas      2014-2015  
Attorney and Mediator

- ◆ Provides strategic planning, training, policy expertise and technical assistance to non-profit agencies on criminal justice issues and interpersonal violence issues of child abuse, child protection, domestic violence, human trafficking, and elder abuse.
- ◆ Critical thinker focused on empowering non-profit organizations and local community projects.
- ◆ Serves as subject matter expert for interpersonal violence issues.
- ◆ Assists with trial preparation for criminal and civil cases.
- ◆ National trainer and presenter.

VERA Institute of Justice, New York, New York      2012-2014  
Senior Program Associate

- ◆ Works with state district attorney offices and prosecutors to implement program..
- ◆ Provides training and technical assistance to prosecutors and district attorneys' offices.
- ◆ Coordinates with research team to insure that data and results accurately reflect outcomes.
- ◆ Generates reports which described program outcomes.

- ◆ Devises dissemination strategy for information, reports, and the project.
- ◆ Conducts extensive site outreach to new jurisdictions.
- ◆ Presents program and research outcomes at national conferences and meetings.

National District Attorneys Association, Alexandria Virginia 2010-2012

*National Center Prosecution of Child Abuse*

**Senior Attorney**

- ◆ Provided technical assistance and training for state and local prosecutors on complex trial preparation and litigation issues.
- ◆ Coordinate national child maltreatment conferences.
- ◆ Course and curricula development for human rights, child abuse, domestic violence and human trafficking.
- ◆ Extensive training experience on a range of child abuse and maltreatment issues at international, national and state/local conferences.
- ◆ Development of Best Practices in Mandatory Reporting/SORNA for Youth Service Organization
- ◆ Conduct research, provide technical assistance and write on topics involving child abuse and maltreatment and the interrelation of child abuse and violence against women and elder abuse.
- ◆ Lead Elder Abuse program which includes providing technical assistance on financial fraud and abuse. Coordinated distribution of 5,000 “Walking in Our Shoes” DVD and discussion guides.

***Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Irving, Texas 2004-2009***

Attorney, Court Programs

- ◆ Implemented and managed National Court Monitoring Program for 600 regional and state-wide chapters.
- ◆ Developed and managed 30 states and 200 courts. Managed over \$500,000 budget. Negotiated with Federal Agencies, saving the organization over \$100,000.
- ◆ Strategic grant writing for MADD chapters, resulting in over \$1.5 million in funding.
- ◆ Trained and supervised personnel and volunteers. Developed strategies for national implementation of the Court Monitoring Program, including: development of Strategic Implementation Manual that was adapted by National Organization.

- ◆ Wrote technical legal manuals and training materials, including Volunteers Best Practices Manual and Policies and Procedure Manual. Wrote Online Court Monitoring Course, adopted by MADD.
- ◆ Drafted company policies for various legal issues resulting in standardization for company.
- ◆ Collaborated with Johns Hopkins School of Public Health on impaired driving research project.
- ◆ Extensive collaboration with judges, attorneys and law enforcement in the areas of courts, impaired driving and other areas of criminal prosecution.

Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas 1999-2004

**Prosecutor**

Prosecuted Felony cases. Trial Attorney Assigned to Felony District Court. Responsible for litigation of cases, trial preparation and witness preparation.

- ◆ Lead Counsel in over 40 jury trials including: Murder, Aggravated Assault, and Aggravated Robbery. Responsible for a felony docket of over 200 cases.
- ◆ Prosecuted Felony Family Violence cases.
- ◆ Supervised all aspects of Misdemeanor Prosecutors in the Family Violence Section.
- ◆ Managed two Family Violence courts. Provided leadership and training to new prosecutors resulting in the processed 5,000 cases.

Collin County District Attorney's Office, McKinney, Texas 1997

**Law Clerk**

Prosecuted misdemeanor cases.

- ◆ Assigned to misdemeanor criminal court. Responsible for assistance with daily court docket.
- ◆ Obtained Student Trial Card from the State Bar of Texas Conducted extensive research for Prosecutors resulting in effective prosecution of criminal cases.
- ◆ Assisted with appeals to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Dallas County District Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas 1996

**Law Clerk**

Worked exclusively with Prosecution team in all aspects of trial preparation of misdemeanor cases.

- ◆ Conducted witness contacts, processing, and investigating new cases.

Texas Wesleyan Mediation Clinic 1996-1997

**Pro Bono Mediator**

Mediated over 25 Judge mandated cases at the Justice of the Peace Court.

- ◆ Successfully negotiated, wrote and executed legally binding mediation contracts saving taxpayer funds.
- ◆ Mediated areas of Family Law, Contracts, Forcible Entry and Detainer.

Municipal Court, City of Dallas, DALLAS, TX 1994-1996

**Court and Detention Services Clerk**

Wrote motions, policies and procedures for new legislation, extensive contact with Judges, Attorneys, and other City Departments.

## **ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Institute of Police Technology and Management

### **Adjunct Professor**

- ◆ Impaired driving strategies.

## **EDUCATION**

**JD**, *Texas A&M University School of Law, formerly Texas Wesleyan University School of Law,*

Ft. Worth, TX

**BA**, *Mercer University, Macon, GA*

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Admitted to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court, May 2006

Member State Bar of Texas

Member American Bar Association: Criminal Justice Section, Victim's Committee- Co-Chairman;  
Standing Committee on Gun Violence, Youth at Risk Commission

## **BOARDS AND TASK FORCES**

2010 Distinguished Alumni Texas Wesleyan School of Law

Nominated by Texas Governor Rick Perry to Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, 2008-present.

Nominated by Texas Governor Rick Perry Texas Violent Gang Task Force-Executive Board, 2001-2004  
Collaborated with law enforcement, prosecutors and other criminal justice agencies to develop policies and strategies to address gang issues.

Dallas Bar Association Fellow

Greenhill School Board of Trustees

Greenhill School Alumni Association-Executive Board, Vice President. Conducts and Coordinates Annual Giving Fundraising Campaign

Texas Wesleyan School of Law- Board of Directors

Study Abroad Program, Seville, Spain

## **ANGELA DOWNES NATIONAL TRAINER AND PRESENTER**

American Bar Association, November 2019  
National Gun Violence Meeting / Facilitator  
Washington, D.C.

NDERP Conference/ ED311, November 2019  
Topic: The Intersection of Juvenile Justice and Social Emotional Learning  
Dallas, Texas

Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, October 2019  
Topic: It's Intergenerational: The Differences Within Ourselves  
Houston, Texas

Social Emotional Learning State Convening, October 2019  
Topic: Juvenile Justice  
Dallas, Texas

Texas Association of Mediators, September 2019  
Implicit Bias, Microaggressions and Mediations  
Dallas, Texas

American Bar Association, August 2019  
Webinar Series  
Topic: Intersection of Gun Violence and Domestic Violence

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, July 2019  
Trial Skills Course-Faculty  
Boulder, Colorado

Dallas County Dispute Mediation Services, July 2019  
Topic: The Culturally Competent Mediator

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, May 2019  
Topic: Effective Strategies to Combat Implicit Bias  
Boulder, Colorado

Texas Municipal Education Center  
2018-2019 Faculty  
Topic: Human Trafficking and the Municipal Judge  
Austin, Dallas, Tyler, San Antonio, Houston, Galveston, Lubbock, Padre Island, El Paso

Association of Attorney Mediators, September 2018  
Topic: Ethics and the Cultural Competent Mediator  
Houston, Texas

UNT Dallas Human Resources Graduate Program, September 2018  
Topic: Diversity and Human Resource Issues  
Dallas, Texas

Topics; UNT Dallas College of Law Fundamentals Program, August 2018  
Topic: Diversity and Inclusion  
Dallas, Texas

Texas Council Administrators Special Education Annual Conference, July 2018  
Topic: Juvenile Justice and Social Emotional Learning  
Austin, Texas

UNT Dallas Faculty Counsel, March 2018  
Topic: Conflict Resolution and Board Training  
Dallas, Texas

Baylor Law School, March 2018  
Family Mediation Training  
Topic: The Cultural Competent Mediator  
Waco, Texas

Dallas Bar Association, January 2018  
ADR Section  
Topic: The Culturally Competent Mediator  
Dallas, Texas

Domestic Violence Forum, October 2017  
Cedar Crest Church  
Dallas, Texas

Texas A& M School of Law, August 2017  
Mediation Training  
Ft. Worth, Texas

Habitat for Humanity, April 2017  
Legal Services and the Criminal Justice System  
Dallas, Texas

UNT Dallas College of Law, January 2017  
MLK Jr Community Conversation  
Dallas, Texas

Dallas Independent School District, November 2016  
Topic: Special Education  
Dallas, Texas

Southwestern College, November 2016  
Criminal Justice Symposium:  
Terrell, Texas

Mediation and Conflict Resolution, November 2016  
University of Texas at Arlington  
Arlington, Texas

Domestic Violence Forum, October 2016  
Cedar Crest Church  
Dallas, Texas

Estate Planning Workshops 2014-2016  
Cedar Crest Church  
Dallas, Texas

Texas A& M School of Law, August 2016  
Mediation Training  
Ft. Worth, Texas

Ethics for School Psychologists

- Dallas, Texas August, 2014
- Austin, Texas October 2015
- Lubbock, Texas December 2015
- El Paso, Texas December 2016
- San Antonio, Texas March 2017
- Richardson, Texas March 2017

National Institute for Trial Advocacy Training July 2016  
Trial Advocacy  
Dallas, Texas

State Bar of Texas Annual Meeting, June 2016

Ignite: Human Trafficking

Fort Worth, Texas

University of Houston Clear Lake, April 2016

Mental Health Symposium

Cultural Competence and Implicit Bias

Houston, Texas

National District Attorneys Association, November 2015

Child Abuse Prosecutors Training Course

St. Louis, Missouri

American Bar Association, May 2014

The Intersections of Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence

Washington, DC

Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, April 2015

Topic: Human Trafficking and law Enforcement

Dallas, Texas

Texas A& M School of Law, August 2015

Mediation Training

Ft. Worth, Texas

Texas Municipal Courts Education Center, February 2013

Topic: Human Trafficking: Hiding in Plain Site

Dallas, Texas



American Bar Association Annual Meeting August 2012

Topic; Witness Intimidation and the Criminal Justice System

Chicago, Illinois

Vera Institute for Justice, June 2012

Vera Voices Program: Race, Prosecution and Domestic Violence: Strategies for Integrating Research and Practice

New York City, New York

21<sup>st</sup> Annual Multidisciplinary Conference on Domestic Violence October 2011

National District Attorneys Association

Course Assistant Director

Session: When the Victim Testifies for the Defense

Salt Lake City, Utah

Statewide Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault September 2011

Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts

Plenary Session: Multidisciplinary Approach to Children Exposed to Violence

Session: Forfeiture By Wrong Doing

Little Rock, Arkansas

Preparing and Developing Future Capital Murder Litigators September 2011

Arizona Prosecution Attorney Advisory Council

Course Assistant Director

Phoenix, Arizona

American Bar Association Annual Meeting August 2011

Topic: Comparison of Victims Rights in the U.S. and Canada

Toronto, Canada

International Association of Chiefs of Police June 2011

Chief's Challenge Judge

Topic: Impaired and Drunk Driving

Alexandria, Virginia

Hot Topics In Child Abuse Conference June 2011

Maine Department of Human Services

Topic: Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse

Bangor, Maine

One Child, Many Hands Conference June 2011

Using the Multidisciplinary Team in Cases Where Children Are Exposed to Violence

University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Wyoming Crimes Against Children Conference May 2011

Investigation and Prosecution of Authority Figures, Child Development and Process of Disclosure in Child Abuse Cases, Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse Cases, The Non-Offending Caregiver

Niagara Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Conference May 2011

Niagara County Child Advocacy Center

Plenary: Investigation and Prosecution of High Profile Offenders

Topics: Child Development and Disclosure of Child Abuse and Protecting Youth in an Online World

Niagara, New York

Pinwheel to Prevention Child Abuse Conference April 2011

Gettysburg Child Advocacy Center

Topics: Child Sex Abuse Accommodation Syndrome and Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Project Safe Neighborhoods April 2011

Guns and Gangs

Arlington, Texas

Equal Justice For Children: Prosecution and Investigation of Child Abuse Annual Conference April 2011

Held in partnership with National Family Justice Center Alliance Annual Conference

Course Director

Topic: Preparing Kids for Court

San Diego, California

Promoting Best Practices for Prosecuting Violence Against Women Crimes March 2011

Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Topic: Forfeiture By Wrong Doing: Trends in Domestic Violence Prosecution

Montgomery, Alabama

Human Trafficking Conference February 2011

Catholic Charities

Topic: Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

San Antonio, Texas

American Bar Association Mid Year Meeting 2011

Topic: Making Crime Victims Whole: Confrontation, Forfeiture by Wrongdoing and Restitution

Atlanta, Georgia

Train the Trainer Course 2011

NDAA's National Center Prosecution Child Abuse

Alexandria, Virginia

Forensic Evidence Course 2010

Course Director

San Antonio, Texas

Strategies for Justice Conference in Indian Country 2010

Puyallup Tribe

Tacoma, Washington

Multi-Disciplinary Response to Child Abuse 2010

Depelchin Children's Center

Houston, Texas

Defending the Forensic Interview 2010

National Children's Advocacy Center

Huntsville, Alabama

Unsafe Havens II: Advanced Internet Crimes Against Children Course 2010

National Advocacy Center

Columbia, South Carolina

North Carolina District Attorneys Association 2010

Annual Attorney Training

Atlantic, North Carolina

Topic: Interrelationship Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

Joining Forces Conference 2010

Administrative Office of the Courts

Chicago, Illinois

Topics: Meeting Untrue Defenses to Sexual Abuse Allegations and Neglect Cases; Corroboration and Hearsay in Child Abuse Cases

Crimes Against Children Conference 2010

Dallas, Texas

Topics: Interrelationship Domestic Violence and Child Abuse; Corroboration in Child Abuse Cases

Delaware Annual Child Abuse Conference 2010

Topic: Mandatory Reporting

Childproof : Advanced Child Abuse Trial Advocacy Course 2010

National Advocacy Center

Columbia, South Carolina

Guam Attorney General Human Trafficking: Investigation and Prosecution of Cases Conference 2010

Hagatna, Guam

Topics: Interrelation Child Abuse and Domestic Violence; Link between Animal Abuse, Child Abuse and Domestic Violence; Expert Witness Testimony in Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Cases; Human Trafficking: Research, Data Gathering and Outreach; Victims with Disabilities; Prosecuting Cases Involving Power and Authority Figures; Dynamics of Abuse and Recantation.

American Bar Association Annual Conference 2009

Chicago, Illinois

Topic Best Practice Issues for Child Victims Attorneys

MADD National Conference 2008

Dallas, Texas

Topic: Trends with the Drunk Driving and the Judiciary

Lifesaver's Annual Conference 2007

Chicago, Illinois

Topic: Impaired Driving Trends

National Alcohol Beverage Control Association Annual Conference 2006

Portland, Oregon.

Topic: MADD and the Responsible Alcohol Industry

Texas Drug and Alcohol Research Institute Annual Impaired Driving Conference 2006

Dallas, Texas.

Topic: Court Monitoring: A Program With Results.

National Black Prosecutors Association National Conference 2006

Houston, Texas

Topic: The Criminal Justice System and Advocacy

Institute of Police Technology and Management Conference 2006

West Palm Beach, Florida.

Topic: DUI Courts

Virginia Beach DUI Conference 2006

Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Topic: Influence of Court Monitoring on the Criminal Justice System.

MADD National Conference 2005

Washington D.C.

Topics: Court Monitoring: A Program With Results; The Driving While Intoxicated Trial; Youth In Action

Irving Texas Police Academy 2001-2003. Topic: Domestic/Family Violence Prosecution.

Victim's Outreach Dallas, Texas 2001-2003. Topic: Domestic/Family Violence Prosecution.

Dallas, Texas Police Academy 2001-2003. Topic: Domestic/Family Violence Prosecution.

City of Uvalde, Texas 2003. Topic: Domestic/Family Violence Prosecution.

Del Rio Woman's Shelter, Del Rio Texas 2003. Topic: Domestic/Fa