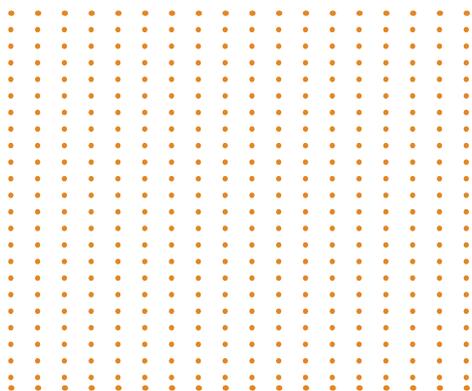




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Rachel L. Wright
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Managing Partner David L. Cook and Attorney at Law Rachel L. Wright are principals at the often honored law firm, Harris Cook, LLP, which has offices in both Arlington and Mansfield.

The firm has built a reputation for professionalism and effectiveness in a wide range of legal matters to give clients a wealth of expertise when they have legal issues.

Because the firm has a variety of practice areas to offer clients, the office can handle multiple legal issues for the same client.

The level of the firm's expertise and experience is impressive. Cook is Board Certified in Family Law, a certification less than 1% of Texas attorneys hold. His other areas of practice include Business Litigation/Formation, Real Estate Law and Public Sector Law. He has been the Mayor of Mansfield since 2008 and is running unopposed this year.

Wright is an accomplished trial attorney and skilled litigator with more than a decade of experience in a range of disciplines, including Business Law, Personal Injury, Civil Litigation and Insurance Litigation. She is a co-troop leader with Girl Scouts and is a member of Lions Club International, as well as the Arlington Bar Association and Tarrant County Bar Association.

"As our client, you will get the answers you need and the personalized service you deserve," Cook says. "We actually get to know the people we represent, returning their phone calls and providing the guidance they need throughout the duration of their legal matter. Our firm is not a high-volume business. Rather, we serve a select number of clients in order to be responsive and accountable to each one of them."

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Karen Schroeder

Karen Schroeder: Your hometown attorney

A fourth-generation Texan, Karen Schroeder is a hometown girl who grew up in Arlington, graduated from Arlington High School in 1985 and continues to reside here with her family.

Karen's husband Brian celebrated his 36th work anniversary with Lockheed Martin last year, her son Alex is a Senior at Texas A&M, and her daughter Jessica is a Senior at Martin High School.

Karen enjoys being a member of: St. Barnabas United Methodist Church, the Wimbledon Garden Club, the Tarrant County Aggie Mom's Club and the MHS Orchestra Booster Club.

Karen's passion is educating clients and the public on estate planning options with a goal of equipping them with the legal tools necessary to avoid costly and time-consuming probate. She opened her solo practice in Mansfield in 2009 after almost 15 years serving as in-house counsel for multiple corporations, and as an Assistant District Attorney.

Her law firm specializes in wills and trusts (including gun trusts), elder law and guardianships, asset and wealth protection, and probate.

Licensed as a Texas attorney since 1994, Karen has built a reputation as a problem-solver who serves clients' needs with legal professionalism and a commitment to individualized attention. She believes in long-term partnerships and building relationships in the community she still lives in and loves.

Come in and see why Karen is gaining your trust, one case at a time. She brings together hometown charm and extensive legal experience.

Karen Schroeder, Attorney at Law

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Donna J. Smiedt

Board-certified family law specialist

Donna J. Smiedt is the founding and managing partner of the Family Law Firm of Donna J. Smiedt, PLLC. She has been practicing for more than 32 years, all of which have been devoted to the practice of family law. Smiedt became board certified in family law in 1991 and has maintained her board certification since then.

Smiedt has twice been named as a Texas Super Lawyer by her peers, something only five percent of Texas lawyers have achieved. She was awarded the Family Law Attorney of the Year in Arlington every year from 1997-2002 and in 2010, and has also been named a Fort Worth Top Attorney for over a decade. She has garnered one of the highest AV RATINGS by peers.

Other principals at the practice include attorneys Desaray R. Muma and Michael Muñoz. Collectively, this team has over half a century of experience in serving clients in the practice of family law.

Smiedt is actively involved in the community. She has served for seven years on the Board of the Arlington Animal Shelter, two of those years as the Chairwoman. "My firm and I are dedicated to helping the animals of Arlington, and our office is dog friendly, with three 'divorce therapy dogs,' who work there full-time," Smiedt says. She also has served on the Arlington Bar Association Board of Directors for many years, and held the office of President. "We would raise money for a charity every year, and most often this was Arlington Mission," she says. "We are dedicated to helping the many battered women of Arlington and continue to provide Pro Bono services to women through the Arlington Bar Association."

The firm is Arlington's premier full-service family law firm, Smiedt says. "From pre-nuptial agreements to appellate work, we cover the complete practice of family law," she says. "I specialize in complex high asset divorce cases as well as custody litigation, but between all the highly skilled lawyers at the firm we can handle the simplest uncontested divorce to the most contentious custody litigation, as well as non-litigation forms of dispute resolution such as mediation and collaborative law."



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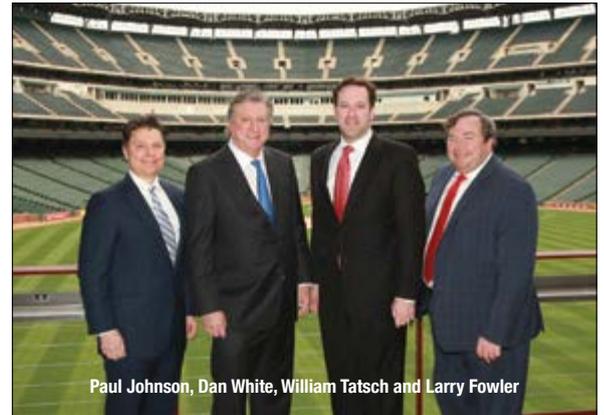
Pope, Hardwicke, Christie, Schell, Kelly & Taplett, L.L.P.

Longtime Arlington lawyers Dan White, Larry Fowler and Paul Johnson lead the Arlington office of Pope, Hardwicke, Christie, Schell, Kelly & Taplett, L.L.P. from offices overlooking centerfield in Globe Life Park.

Founded in 1952, the Firm's original practice focus was upon oil and gas, water and natural resources law, and today Pope Hardwicke's 17 lawyers continue to practice in these areas, as well as banking, real estate, local and state governmental relations, land use and zoning, eminent domain, corporate, probate and estate planning, mergers and acquisitions, and commercial litigation.

Pope Hardwicke has offices in both Fort Worth and Arlington and a practice that extends across Texas. Pope Hardwicke lawyers live, work and play in Arlington, not only practicing law here, but also serving on Arlington and other Tarrant County based governmental and charitable organization boards and actively participating in the community. Dan, Larry and Paul have practiced in Arlington for decades, while William Tatsch heads up the next wave of Pope Hardwicke lawyers to serve the Arlington community. Dan and Paul are each board certified in both commercial and residential real estate law. Larry is Past Chairman of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, immediate Past Chairman of the Arlington Planning and Zoning Commission and President of the River Legacy Foundation Board of Directors. Paul currently serves as the Chairman of the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Advisory Committee and has been active in the Arlington Chamber and other Arlington organizations. The lawyers at Pope Hardwicke have a personal stake in Arlington and its success.

Pope Hardwicke's lawyers understand the needs and issues facing business. They spend time with their clients to get to know their unique concerns and to craft solutions to meet those concerns creatively and efficiently. Whether their clients are seeking governmental approvals, negotiating a complex transaction, planning for the future, or seeking relief in court, Pope Hardwicke's lawyers proactively and aggressively approach each task focused on the best interests of their clients.



Paul Johnson, Dan White, William Tatsch and Larry Fowler

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Stephanie A. Foster:

A devoted practitioner of family law

From the day in 1992 when Stephanie Foster started her legal firm, The Law Offices of Stephanie A. Foster, P.C., she has been devoted to the practice of family law.

The firm concentrates in family legal issues, including divorce, modifications, custody, child support, spousal support, visitation, enforcement of custody/support, paternity and step-parent adoption.

Stephanie says her dream of having her own law practice was nurtured as a child, as she grew up with a father, John Foster, who was an attorney. "When I was a child," she recalls, "I would beg him to take me to work with him at his law firm every summer."

The longtime Arlington resident and graduate of Martin High School says her professional philosophy is "divorce with dignity." Consequently, she has taken many special measures to serve her clients in the best manner possible. "I was one of the first attorneys trained in collaborative law, in 2008," she says. "Collaborative Law is a way to divorce with dignity with no court and no war."

She believes the collaborative law process is a powerful way to generate creative solutions in family law disputes while minimizing financial and emotional damage to the couple and their children, all the while promoting post-divorce psychological and financial health of the restructured family.



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Lively & Associates

The law firm of Lively & Associates, PLLC, is a boutique business and litigation firm located in Fort Worth. The firm's primary areas of practice include business law, business litigation, civil appellate law, creditor rights, estate planning and probate, oil and gas, real estate and alternative dispute resolution.

The firm's attorneys – John R. Lively; John R. Lively, Jr.; Daniel Aguilar and David F. Farris – are licensed to practice in all courts in Texas at both the state and federal levels and the United States Supreme Court.

Founded in 2008, Lively & Associates focuses on its clients, keeping them informed and involved throughout the legal process.

"Legal strategies are developed to fit the client's specific needs, goals and objectives," says John R. Lively, Jr. "We possess a broad knowledge of business that allows us to identify and seize upon critical issues specific to a wide range of business practices."

The team of attorneys at Lively & Associates has served the community and surrounding areas for more than five decades. As a small firm that has established deep ties to the community, Lively & Associates is uniquely positioned to provide personalized legal counsel throughout North Texas.

"The strengths of the firm lie in the skill and experience provided to our clients by our team of dedicated attorneys," Lively says. "Rarely found in a firm of this size, the attorneys and support staff possess the technological capabilities and resources of a large law firm while retaining the personal attention of a small firm. With over 80 years of combined experience in the courtroom, we have a vast knowledge of the judicial process as well as Alternative Dispute Resolution."

Lively and his father specialize in business law to protect clients who have family businesses both big and small. That family dynamic, along with the attorneys' years of experience, help set the firm apart. "Working together with my father," he says, "has allowed us to truly understand the personal side as well as the daily operations of these businesses."

The Law Firm of Lively & Associates

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The "Rocky" Walton team

Roger 'Rocky' Walton

The Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton has been serving the Arlington community since 1975. The first office was located on East Pioneer Parkway until it moved to West Green Oaks Blvd in 1990. The office moved to West Interstate 20 in 2003. Rocky says he has no plans of moving again.

During his time in Arlington, Rocky has represented thousands of satisfied clients in various areas of law. He has always worked hard for his clients and kept them constantly informed. Rocky and his employees truly love helping people and treat their clients the way they would want to be treated. They are completely honest with their clients.

Rocky has great credentials. He has an advanced law degree (LL.M.) in Taxation and Securities, so early on he did a lot of corporate and commercial law, along with personal injury law. In 1987, the law firm took the bold step on handling nothing but personal injury and wrongful death claims. Rocky states that he likes that area of law better because he gets to help individuals rather than big business. In addition, his fee is based upon result of recovery rather than hourly billings.

In 1994, after a lot of hard work, Rocky was able to become certified as to special competence in the area of Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Fewer than 3% of Texas lawyers are board certified specialists in that area of law. Rocky has been re-certified every five years.

Employees of the Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton, P.C. are highly qualified paralegals who have been with the firm for many years. Three paralegals are also licensed claim adjusters. The firm also has an associate attorney, Tim Brandenburg, who also has extensive trial experience.

In 1987 Rocky's firm was the first law firm in Arlington to have a database and email. Since then the firm has stayed on the cutting edge of technology for law firms. The firm now does file storage and computing in the cloud. The firm is also transitioning to paperless.

Rocky says he loves helping people and will continue to practice law as long as he is doing a good job for his clients. At this time, the Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton P.C. is at the top of its game and will be in business in Arlington for many years to come. [Check out the 4.9 Google review average for over 50 reviews from satisfied clients.](#)

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: Founding partners Kelly Curnutt and Doug Hafer brought experience from large international firms, as well as small trial boutique firms when they formed Curnutt & Hafer, L.L.P. Vicki Hafer, Doug's wife, has been practicing law since 1994.

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: The firm was founded by the late Senator Chris Harris (1948-2015) and includes attorneys David L. Cook (the Mayor of Mansfield) and Rachel L. Wright.

Jim Ross Law Group

AREAS OF PRACTICE: Personal Injury, Criminal Defense, Family Law, Business Litigation, Wills and Probate

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: The firm was established by attorney Jim Ross, a former Marine, Texas police officer and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) task force officer who had supervised local offices for some of the country's most prestigious law firms before opening his own practice in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Karen Schroeder, Attorney at Law

AREAS OF PRACTICE: Wills and Trusts, Elder Law and Guardianships, Asset and Wealth Protection, Real Estate Law, Business Formation/Operation/Acquisition

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: Karen spent over five years working as in-house counsel for Sunrise Energy Services (bought out by ENSERCH); ENSERCH/Lone Star Gas (bought by TXU Electric); and PrimeCo PCS (bought out by Verizon). Afterwards, she pursued a 10-year career as an Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County – with seven years in the Civil Division as a Real Estate/Contracts Advisory Attorney and civil litigator; and three years in the Criminal



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Division as both an Environmental Trial Prosecutor who created the position for the County; and Chief of the Grand Jury/Intake Department in charge of indicting felony financial crimes. Karen opened her solo law practice in Mansfield in 2009.

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AREAS OF PRACTICE: Divorce, Collaborative Law, Collaborative Law vs. Litigation, Child Custody and Support, Protective Orders, Temporary Orders, Enforcement/Modification of Orders, Parentage and Paternity, Spousal Support, Mediation, High Asset Equitable Distribution, Adoption

TO CALL FOR A CONSULTATION: 817-277-2805

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: A graduate of Arlington's Martin High School, Southern Methodist University in Dallas and St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio, Stephanie Foster traveled and explored different areas of law. She began her practice 17 years ago.

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: After World War II, Robert Etter Hardwicke founded Hardwicke and Hardwicke, composed of himself and his two sons, Robert E. Hardwicke, Jr., and Greer Hardwicke.

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: Donna J. Smiedt has been practicing law since 1986. She is Board Certified Family Law Attorney – Texas Board of Legal Specialization who can handle a broad range of complex family law litigation.

The Law Firm of Lively & Associates

AREAS OF PRACTICE: Business Law, Business Litigation, Civil Appellate Law, Creditor Rights, Estate Planning and Probate, Oil and Gas, Real Estate, Alternative Dispute Resolution - Arbitration, Mediation

TO CALL FOR A CONSULTATION: 817-338-1030

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: Practice founder John R. Lively Sr. worked in the Texas Legislature for two sessions as a legislative assistant to two former State Senators, as a staff member to the Sergeant at Arms, and on the Legislative Council. John began his legal career in 1968 as an assistant City Attorney for the City of Fort Worth and entered private practice in 1970.

The Law Firm of Roger "Rocky" Walton, P.C.

AREAS OF PRACTICE: Personal Injury

TO CALL FOR A CONSULTATION: 817-727-4079

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING: Since 1995, Roger "Rocky" Walton has been a board-certified specialist in the area of Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Only 2.2% of Texas attorneys are certified in this area.



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Stephanie Foster Gilbert is confident that the collaborative law process is a powerful way to generate creative solutions in family law disputes while minimizing financial and emotional damage to the couple and their children all the while promoting post-divorce psychological and financial health of the restructured family.

As a family law mediator and one of the first Tarrant County attorneys trained in collaborative law, attorney Stephanie Foster Gilbert will help you navigate through your divorce options and zealously represent you through the process of your choice.

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