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## Jim Ross Law Group

The Jim Ross Law Group, P.C. prides itself on excellent service to its clients and to its community. We are a family-owned law firm that treats its clients with three major hallmarks: loyalty, honesty, and respect. If you are looking for a law firm that will be on your side through difficult times in your life, you've come to the right place.

This firm was established by attorney Jim Ross, a former Marine, Texas police officer, and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) task force officer - and Arlington's current Mayor. Jim supervised local offices for some of the country's most prestigious law firms before opening his own practice in Arlington. Having developed a strong tradition of service to his community and country as a Marine and police officer, he brought that tradition to his law practice.

Our firm focuses on five major practice areas: family law, personal injury, business litigation, and wills and probate. Our lawyers have decades of experience in these areas and have seen just about everything there is to see in a courtroom. You will get straight answers and a clear plan of action after meeting with our attorneys.

We believe that a successful business should give back to the community that helped make it successful. Our firm donates time and money to several charitable causes in the Arlington/Dallas area. You may have seen our logo on the back of a 5k race t-shirt or on a flyer for a fundraiser.

You are welcome to call us anytime to set up a free consultation. We can meet with you in person or help you over the phone. We can even meet with you on a Saturday if you're busy during the week. We have offices in Arlington, Dallas, and Fort Worth.

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## Donna J. Smiedt

Donna J. Smiedt, principal attorney at The Family Law Firm of Donna J. Smiedt, has been a Board Certified Family Law Attorney since 1991. She leads a team of divorce attorneys that approaches the complexities of Texas law with the help of over 30 years of experience.

Donna was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and immigrated to the United States with her family when she was 14. She graduated from Lake Highlands High School in Dallas at the age of 15, and thereafter attended



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Southern Methodist University. After graduating with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science in 1982 she obtained her Juris Doctorate from SMU School of Law in 1985 at the age of 22. She established a solo practice in Dallas, serving clients there for a decade.

"Then, on a hot Texas summer day," she recalls, "I met the love of my life, an Arlington resident, and I immediately assimilated into this city. I instantly knew that I was home."

Donna is very active in the community, serving on the board of the Arlington Animal Shelter, as President of the Arlington Bar Association and of the Arlington Business and Professional Women's Association.

She has won many awards as an attorney. She has twice been selected by her peers as a Superlawyer (an honor reserved for 5% of practicing lawyers in Texas). She was voted by clients as an Avvo "Top Rated Lawyer" for many years, including 2020 and 2021. Additionally, she was voted by peers as a Top Attorney in Fort Worth every year for over a decade. She also was named the favorite family lawyer in *Arlington Today's Readers' Choice All Star* edition the past four years.

As an outspoken advocate for the best interest of the children going through high-conflict family law custody battles, Donna and her Non-Equity Partner, Desaray R. Muma, have built sterling reputations as specialists in the area of high-conflict custody litigation. This specialization coupled with her equally extensive knowledge of separate tracing and characterization cases, as well as representing wealthy clients with large complex estates or closely held family businesses, make her the first choice for many clients needing this level of superlative representation in the field of family law.

### The Family Law Firm of Donna J. Smiedt

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## Stephanie Foster

Stephanie Foster started her legal firm, The Law Offices of Stephanie A. Foster, P.C., in 1992 and for the three decades since, she has been devoted to the practice of family law.

The practice concentrates in family legal issues, including divorce, modifications, custody, child support, spousal support, visitation, enforcement of custody/support, paternity and stepparent adoption.

Stephanie says her dream of having her own law practice was nurtured as a child by her father, John Foster, who is 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."

Throughout her career, Stephanie has focused on family law.

"My professional philosophy is divorce with dignity," she says, noting that 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. 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.

A graduate of Arlington Martin High School, Southern Methodist University and St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio, Stephanie was named a "Top Attorney" by *Fort Worth, Texas* magazine in 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

### The Law Offices of Stephanie A. Foster, P.C.

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## Joseph Mokodean

### The Law Firm of Rocky Walton. P.C.

The Law Firm of Rocky Walton welcomes new litigation attorney, Joseph Mokodean. Joe graduated magna cum laude from Ohio University in 2009 with a Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree in history and political science with a minor in economics.

He attended law school at the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. After graduating in 2012, Joe moved to Washington D.C. and became licensed to practice law in



Virginia and Washington D.C. In D.C., Joe primarily represented indigent criminal defendants and tenants. He was also an Assistant Attorney General.

In 2019, Joe moved to Fort Worth and worked with clients in low-income communities as a Staff Attorney with Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas's Community Revitalization Project.

Joe officially became a member of the Rocky

Walton Law family in January 2022. Joe loves helping people and is very enthusiastic to help our injured clients seek the compensation that they deserve. Joe is currently a member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and Tarrant County Trial Lawyers Association. He is married to Loui Itoh Mokodean, an Assistant Federal Public Defender. They welcomed their first baby in late 2021.

Rocky Walton has been practicing law in Arlington since 1975. The firm strives to provide excellent client service and they keep their clients constantly informed. The firm treats its clients like family and they truly care that their clients receive the compensation they deserve.

Rocky Walton has been board-certified in personal injury trial law since 1994. Less than 3% of Texas attorneys are board-certified in this area. Rocky is rated AV by Martindale-Hubbe which is the highest rating that demonstrates that the lawyer has reached the height of professional excellence and ethics. Rocky employs a staff with vast experience, tenure, and knowledge in personal injury claims. Please reach out to the Rocky Walton team if you or a loved one need assistance with a personal injury or wrongful death matter.

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

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## Harris Cook, LLP

**H**arris Cook, LLP, is a Full-Service Law Firm serving North Texas with offices in Arlington, Mansfield, and Flower Mound.

David L. Cook is the Managing Partner of the firm. David is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Family Law. Of the 100,000 attorneys licensed in Texas, fewer than eight percent are Board Certified, with less than one percent of those being Board Certified in Family Law. In addition to his legal practice, Cook was elected into the Texas House of Representatives in 2020. He was also the Mayor of Mansfield from 2008-2021.



### Spotlight

Paul J. Johnson and Larry L. Fowler, Jr. have practiced in Arlington together for over thirty years. They joined Harris Cook in 2020.



**Paul J. Johnson** is a real estate and business attorney with over thirty years of experience in complex transactions and business representation. Paul is Board Certified in both commercial and residential real estate law by the Texas Board of Legal

Specialization. Paul has not only been the lead attorney on many high-profile real estate developments and business acquisitions, but he also counsels clients on general business matters across a wide array of industries and geographic areas, representing companies from startup through maturity.

If you are seeking a seasoned real estate attorney, look no further. Attorney **Larry L. Fowler, Jr.** has extensive knowledge in the areas of commercial and real estate litigation, and he has represented clients in numerous state and federal courts. Larry has a practice that focuses on all matters in and around real estate. Larry's client base could be described as everyone from first time property buyers to large real estate investment trusts.



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## Karen Schroeder

**A** native Texan raised in Arlington and an honors graduate of Arlington High School Class of 1985, Karen continues to raise her family here in North Texas.

Her grandparents, Roy and Ruby Schroeder, moved to Arlington in 1968 after Roy retired from the U.S. Air Force. Her parents, Ken and Alice Schroeder, planted

roots in Arlington in 1972. Family is the cornerstone of her life, and she is the loving mother of two children, Alex (my Aggie) and Jessica (Roll Tide); two adult step-daughters, Chrissy and Ashley (both Mean Green); three grandchildren; and devoted wife to Brian Evans,



describing him as her greatest source of strength and encouragement.

Upon earning her undergraduate degree in Finance from St. Mary's University in December 1988 and working multiple years at local financial institutions, she returned to St. Mary's University School of Law for her Juris Doctorate and graduated in December 1993. Karen was licensed to practice law in Texas in May 1994; and in the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas in 2009.

Karen spent over five years working as in-house counsel for several large companies. Afterwards, she was 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 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 and quickly became one of the area's foremost legal experts on elder family law. Her 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. Her law firm specializes in wills and trusts (including gun trusts), elder law and guardianships, asset and wealth protection, and probate. Karen has built a reputation as a problem-solver who serves clients' needs with legal professionalism and a commitment to individualized attention.

### Karen Schroeder, Attorney at Law

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## Michael Andrew Muñoz

The Law Office of Michael Muñoz is a boutique law firm founded by Michael Andrew Muñoz and based in Mansfield. The firm has expertise in family law litigation, personal injury litigation, criminal law, and business formation. Michael has been practicing in the DFW region for over 19 years.

Before starting his firm Michael managed the Arlington field office of the Texas Attorney General Child Support Division. As a Managing Assistant Attorney General, his job was to manage 34 staff members, including five attorneys, while taking on the office's 54,000 cases.



Michael Muñoz

Michael has worked in some of the best law firms in the county and has been recognized as a top attorney in the field of family law and insurance defense by *Fort Worth Magazine*.

His experience has given him the tools and insight needed to champion your case in court. He also has extensive courtroom experience defending and prosecuting contested motions and hearings as well as final trials.

Knowing the law, the courts, and opposing counsel are instrumental to achieving the best results. Michael has honed his skills through experience to provide his clients the benefits that they deserve. He was recognized as an Outstanding Manager in 2013 and was recognized as Assistant Attorney General of the Year in 2014. He also has served on the board of directors for the Arlington Convention and Visitor's Bureau for two terms, ushering in the opening of AT&T Stadium.

Before becoming an attorney, Michael attended public school in Arlington and obtained his undergraduate degree at Texas State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a Minor in Anthropology. He also attended Texas A&M University school of Law, formerly known as Texas Wesleyan School of Law.

Currently, Michael lives in Mansfield with his two children and his two German Shepherd dogs.

The Law Office of Michael Muñoz uses technology to streamline tasks and maximize efficiency. With security and privacy in mind we are compliant with all local, state and federal data storage requirements.

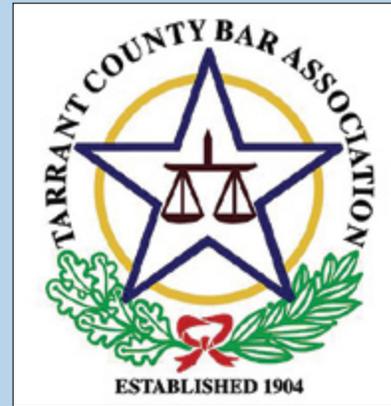
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## The Tarrant County Bar Association

The Tarrant County Bar Association is a non-profit professional organization composed of more than 2,600 lawyers, judges, law students, and other legal professionals in and around Tarrant County. It offers the best way to connect with the legal community.

TCBA exists to improve the administration of justice,



elevate standards of professional conduct, support professional development, and promote respect for the legal profession by the public.

TCBA also supports the community by promoting free legal education

and information, as well as various community services initiatives. TCBA accomplishes its mission and initiatives through the work of its members, volunteers, and community partners. TCBA's Bar Year runs from July 1 through June 30.

TCBA has several sections composed of attorneys and legal professionals who practice in specific areas of law. Section members attend luncheons, networking events, seminars, and have their own e-communities on their website to exchange information.

The Tarrant County Bar Association was established officially in 1904 "to improve the character of practice in the various courts of the city and county,..." Fort Worth in the early 1900s had more than 150 lawyers, and there was a concern that not all were upholding the highest standards of the profession. Over the next one hundred years, the Association held several names - Tarrant County Bar Association; Fort Worth Bar Association; Fort Worth and Tarrant County Bar Association and Fort Worth-Tarrant County Bar Association. Since 1980, it has held the name of Tarrant County Bar Association. With each new name, the Bar Association has confronted many challenges - from struggling to provide needed services to adapting to sweeping changes in the profession. Dynamic individuals and firms have pioneered those changes, particularly in terms of age, race and gender issues.

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