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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Maureen McCutchen is a board-certified attorney in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. With over three decades of legal experience, she represents clients in estate planning, guardianship, probate and trust litigation, as well as real estate, civil, and business disputes. She regularly serves as a court-appointed attorney and guardian ad litem and is also a qualified mediator. Prior to joining Mills Shirley LLP in 1993, she served as a briefing attorney for Justice Margaret Garner Mirabal at the First Court of Appeals of Texas.

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## PRACTICE AREAS

- Estate, Trusts and Guardianship
- Guardianship Administration and Litigation
- Probate and Estate Administration
- Will Contests
- Trust and Fiduciary Litigation
- Estate Planning and Trust Creation
- Business and Commercial Law
- Real Estate Transactions
- Contract Formation and Disputes
- Mediation and Arbitration
- Litigation & Appeals

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## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of Houston Law Center, 1992
- M.B.A., University of Texas at Austin, 1986
- B.S., Texas A&M; University, 1984
- Major: Petroleum Engineering

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas, 1992 | U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

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## LEGAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Estate Planning and Probate Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Ad Litem Certification - State Bar of Texas (Probate Code)

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Texas - Real Estate, Probate & Trust Section; Litigation Section
- Galveston County Bar Association, Past President
- Galveston County Mediators Association
- College of the State Bar of Texas

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## REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Extensive representation of fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and estate parties in contested probate and guardianship matters
- Frequent ad litem and mediation appointments in courts throughout Texas
- Business and real estate counsel in transactional and litigation settings

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## RECOGNITION & AWARDS

- Texas Super Lawyers - Estate & Trust Litigation, 2012-2025
- Top Women Attorneys in Texas - \*Texas Monthly\*, January 2022
- Lone Star Legal Aid Pro Bono Law Firm Award, 2020
- Lone Star Legal Aid Galveston Branch Pro Bono Award, 2018
- Fellow, Texas Bar Foundation

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## PUBLICATIONS

- \*Collecting Assets\*, 40th Annual Estate Planning and Probate Course, 2016
- \*The Women's Perspective: Essentials of Estate Planning\*, UTMB Homecoming, 2004
- \*Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Estate Administration\*, 2001-2002
- Contributor, \*You've Prepared for the Plaintiffs' Case, But Are You Ready for the Media?\*, 1998
- Contributor, \*Legal Liability and Accident Investigations\*, 1994
- Contributor, Texas Association of Defense Counsel Evidence Newsletter, 1994-1998

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## PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS

- \*Ad Litem's Role in Settlement and Mediation\*, Galveston County Bar, 2021
- \*Collecting Assets\*, State Bar of Texas, 2016
- Moderator, Ad Litem Seminar, Galveston County Bar Association, 2015
- \*Estate Planning Essentials\*, Galveston Chamber of Commerce, 2014
- \*Role of Ad-Litem's in Guardianship\*, Fall Judicial Education, 2012
- Adjunct Professor, South Texas College of Law - Pretrial Litigation, 1993-1994

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Director & Past President, Galveston Island Humane Society
- Member & Past President, Rotary Club of Galveston Island
- Volunteer & Former Director, Special Olympics Texas
- Volunteer, aniMeals - Interfaith Ministries, Greater Houston
- Sustaining Member, Junior League of Galveston County (Past Director & Treasurer)
- Past President, ADA Women's Center
- Enjoys hiking, boating, national parks travel, and teaching indoor cycling