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EXPERIENCE

Rocket Science Realty, LLC, 2006 – present

Broker/Owner

Created and continue to run a purposefully small residential real estate brokerage with an eye to sustainability, client satisfaction, and client profitability. www.rocketsciencerealty.com

JB Goodwin, Turner Residential, 2003 - 2005

Agent

Learned the ins and outs of real estate with both large and boutique brokerages. Recognized as an outstanding multi-million dollar seller.

Texas Access to Justice Commission/State Bar of Texas

Texas Lawyers Care Program Director, 2000 - 2003

Worked with hundreds of lawyers around Texas to expand access to justice for lower income Texans; created continuing education trainings; resource development including direct solicitation and grant writing; extensive writing including correspondence, articles, annual directories and reports; expanded use of technology; creation of a student loan repayment assistance program for public interest lawyers; public presentations.

Legal Services Corporation of Iowa

Staff Attorney, 1996 - 1999

Managed a full caseload including family law, housing, and agency benefits; presented legal education programs; created a pro bono project/recruited volunteer lawyers to handle violations of domestic abuse restraining orders.

City of Iowa City

Human Rights Investigator, 1996

Investigated complaints of discrimination in housing, employment and services.

Domestic Violence Intervention Program

Volunteer/Staff, 1993 -1996

Supervised a 40-bed domestic abuse shelter as the sole evening or weekend staff person on a part-time basis while attending law school. Recruited and trained volunteers.

EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law, J.D. *with distinction*, 1995

National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Woman Law Graduate Award

National Resource Center Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship

Iowa Law Foundation Merit Scholar

Equal Justice Foundation Grant Recipient

University of Kansas, B.A. in Political Science *with distinction*, 1991

Completed degree in three and a half years while working as a nanny.

Phi Beta Kappa

LICENSURE

Inactive Iowa law license (#14900)

Active Texas Real Estate broker license (#514535)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Charitable Giving, 2006 – present

Rocket Science Realty, LLC donates approximately 10% of *gross* proceeds to charitable groups. Donations are directed in partnership with clients.

Ann Richards Leadership School for Young Women, 2010 – present

Assist with ninth grade pre-AP English classes six to ten hours per week.

Southwood Neighborhood/Dawson Neighborhood, 2001 and 2004

Created listservs with approximately 125 users in each neighborhood.

Off-leash Area Taskforce, 2009

Encouraging the City's protection and expansion of dog parks.

Austin Community Development Commission, Commissioner, 2003 - 2005

Appointed as the South Austin liaison to the Commission, overseeing federal grants to city and nonprofit organizations. Worked to make Austin housing and services more accessible for lower income residents.

Literacy Austin, Teacher and Boardmember, 2003 - 2007

Taught English as a second language to Spanish-speaking adults.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Big Sister, 2000 – 2007