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Admitted in Texas | Commercial Contracts · IP & Licensing · Entertainment · Negotiation & ADR · Technology

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Pathwise Law PLLC

Fort Worth, TX

Founder and Attorney

August 2026–Present

- Business and intellectual property practice serving founders, creators, and small business owners in commercial contracts, IP and licensing, entertainment, company formation and equity, and negotiation and dispute resolution.
- Offer outside and fractional general counsel services to technology and regulated-industry clients on vendor and customer agreements, contractor arrangements, leases, and ownership structures.
- Advise creators and rights holders on copyright, trademark, right of publicity, joint authorship, and music royalty matters, including federal registration practice, and qualified to represent clients in negotiated and mediated resolutions.

Texas A&M University School of Law, Advocacy Program

Fort Worth, TX

Coach, Negotiation, Mediation, and ADR Teams

August 2026–Present

- Prepare nationally competitive teams for ABA and invitational negotiation, mediation, and client counseling competitions; train students in interest-based negotiation and mediation advocacy.

Anna Eckhoff Law PLLC

Fort Worth, TX

Founder and Attorney

October 2025–August 2026

- Counseled creators and companies on intellectual property and entertainment law matters, including copyright, trademark, right of publicity, joint authorship, defamation, and music royalty matters.
- Guided founders and business owners through foundational business and transactional matters, drafting and negotiating entity formation and conversion documents, SAFE financings, MSAs, and owner buyouts.
- Represented clients in real estate sale-leaseback and surface rights leases, drafted revocable trusts and estate planning documents, and advised on website, privacy policy, terms of service compliance.

Texas A&M University School of Law, Trademark and Copyright Legal Clinic

Fort Worth, TX

Student Attorney (Texas State Bar qualified)

2023–2025

- Advised clinic clients under attorney supervision on copyright, trademark, right of publicity, joint authorship, and music royalty issues and drafted the corresponding agreements.
- Prepared and prosecuted federal trademark and copyright applications from search and clearance through registration.

Hon. Ralph Swearingin, Jr., Tarrant County Justice Court, Precinct 1

Fort Worth, TX

Judicial Intern

Fall 2024

- Led a collaboration between the law school's Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinics and the Tarrant County Justice Courts to produce accessible, multilingual self-help materials including FAQ packets, brochures, and videos, on filing and defending justice court suits and on mediation as an alternative to trial.
- Developed access-to-justice tools for self-represented litigants in post-judgment receivership proceedings, aimed at increasing participation, reducing defaults, and encouraging mediated resolution.

Judicial Internships

Dallas and Fort Worth, TX

Hon. Karen Gren Scholer, U.S. District Court, N.D. Tex.

Summer 2023

- Researched and drafted memoranda and case summaries in civil and criminal matters; observed jury trials, voir dire, motions hearings, pretrial conferences, and sentencings.

US Energy Development Corporation

Dallas, TX

Legal Intern

Summer 2023

- Reviewed and drafted commercial contracts including service, joint operating, marketing, gathering, and confidentiality agreements and researched issues in pending litigation.
- Designed and built a contract management system and automated contract brief generator to track oil and gas marketing and gathering agreements.

EARLIER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Innovation Accelerator Foundation

Omaha, NE

Innovations Director

2012–2013

- Led innovation development for an NSF grant-funded organization, helping leverage \$5 million of federally funded research into \$200 million of private investment in and acquisitions of early-stage technology companies.
- Directed the iBridge Network, an online IP platform promoting 22,000 innovations, research results, and patents and connecting more than 10,000 businesses and universities.

Collaboratory

Omaha, NE and Fort Worth, TX

Founder, Owner, and Director

2017–2022

- Founded and operated a STEM learning company reaching more than 30,000 children and adults in partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education, school districts, and youth organizations; managed all contracts, hiring, leasing, and vendor relationships.

Papillion La Vista Community Schools

Papillion, NE

Instructional Technology Administrator

2014–2017

- Built and led the district's online learning team, directing course design, curriculum, assessment, and district-wide professional development.

Earlier roles: Adjunct Professor of Library Science, University of Nebraska at Omaha and Doane College (2010–2011) · Library Media Specialist, Papillion South High School (2009–2011) · Teacher and Technology Facilitator, Alamo Heights ISD (2006–2008) · Trading Floor Clerk, R.J. O'Brien & Associates, Chicago Mercantile Exchange (2002–2004).

EDUCATION

Texas A&M University School of Law

Fort Worth, TX

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude

2025

- **Honors:** Order of Barristers · Preeminent Advocate, Board of Advocates · James W. Gibson Rising Star of Texas Award, Texas Mediator Credentialing Association · Founding Executive Board Member, Texas A&M Tech Law Initiative
- **Advocacy:** First Place, ABA Regional Negotiation Competition (national quarterfinalist) · First Place, ABA Regional Mediation Competition (national qualifier)

University of Nebraska Omaha

Omaha, NE

M.S., Educational Leadership (2014); Library Science endorsement (2010)

2010, 2014

Trinity University

San Antonio, TX

M.A., Education; B.A., Humanities, magna cum laude; policy debate, Forensics Director's Award

2002, 2005

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING

The Digital Paradox: Evolving Opportunities and Obstacles for Independent Musicians in the Digital Rights Era and Practical Strategies for Lawyers Advising Them · Article, 2025

Justice Court Self-Help Series: Filing, Defending, and Mediating Debt and Small Claims · Co-authored FAQ packets and brochures and co-produced accessible educational videos distributed by the Tarrant County Justice Courts, 2024–2025

Community-Owned Renewable Energy: Guidance for Texas Communities · Co-authored, Texas A&M Global Law Field Studies (Scotland), 2024

BAR AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Chair, Intellectual Property Section – Tarrant County Bar Association, 2025–2026

Consultant, Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts – connecting Texas creatives with pro bono legal and accounting help through statewide clinics and workshops

Co-Producer and Speaker Coach, TEDx Omaha – TEDx Organizers Cohort, TED Global (Tanzania)

Earlier service: Board of Directors, First Tee of Omaha · Board of Directors, Papillion La Vista Schools Foundation · Appointed Member, Greater Omaha Tech Talent Task Force · Junior League of San Antonio