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## **Employment**

- 2018- Law Office of Margarita Coale, PLLC, Dallas, Texas  
Solo general practice focusing on the representation of authors and other creators of intellectual property. Among others focuses her practice on advising clients on right reversion and contract negotiations, foreign rights, and the creation of literary trusts.
- 2009-2018 Partner, Miller, Egan, Molter and Nelson LLP, Dallas, Texas  
Practice focused on a broad range of commercial restructuring, commercial acquisitions requiring true sale opinions, business planning, preference and fraudulent transfer litigation and core bankruptcy issues.
- 2005--2008 Associate Professor, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Forth Worth, Texas  
Taught International Business Transactions, ADR, Negotiation and Civil Procedure.
- 2000- 2005 Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, L.L.P., Dallas, Texas  
Bankruptcy & Financial Reorganization Section. Major responsibility for international (English, Dutch, Cayman Islands, and Peruvian) and claims handling aspects of *In re Enron Corp.* Significant involvement in other large corporate bankruptcies, including a major toy manufacturer, paging service, and chemical treatment company, as well as work for a major asset purchaser in *In re Trans World Airways.*

## Education

- 1998 J.D., University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas  
Transferred from Southern Methodist University at the end of first year  
Articles Editor, *Texas International Law Journal*  
Research Assistant, Professor Jay Westbrook
- 1996-97 Southern Methodist University Law School, Dallas, Texas  
Dean's List, invited to *SMU Law Review*.  
Semifinalist, Jackson & Walker Moot Court Competition
- 1994 M.A. in Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 1991 *Diplomado* in International Marketing, Monterrey Technological Institute,  
Monterrey, N.L., Mexico
- 1989 *Licenciatura* (bachelor's degree) in International Studies,  
Universidad de Monterrey, Monterrey, N.L., Mexico
- Valedictorian, Dean's List all semesters. Chief Justice of the Student Council  
Supreme Court. One of seven Chamber Presidents at Mexico's national Model  
U.N. in 1987 and 1989. Received *Mejor Estudiante de Mexico* award from the  
President of Mexico for graduating with one of the nation's highest GPA's.  
Full time teacher at a high school affiliated with the university for three years.

## Selected Publications

*Slavery Law in Colonial Latin America*, WESLEYAN LAWYER (2006).

*Restricting Parallel Litigation in Federal Court*, 7 COMM. & BUS. LITIG. 5 (Fall 2005).

*Stabilization Clauses in International Petroleum Transactions*,  
30 DENVER J. INT'L L. & POLICY 217 (2002).

*Recent Advances in Court-to-Court Communications in Cross-Border Cases*,  
BANKR. BULLETIN (Feb. 2002).

*Stay, Dismiss, Enjoin, or Abstain? A Survey of Foreign Parallel Litigation in the Federal Courts of the  
United States*, 17 BOSTON UNIV. INT'L L.J. 79 (1999).

*Recent Changes to Mexican Arbitration Law: Is Constitutionality Achievable?*,  
36 TEX. INT'L L.J. 562 (1995).

*Torts and Divorce: A Comparison of Texas and the Mexican Federal District*,  
17 CONN. J. INT'L L. 1014 (1995).

## Recent Speaking Engagements

2019 Book Lovers Convention in New Orleans presentation with Lauren Emerson—Legal Issues for Authors.

Romance Mastermind for Authors 2019 in Houston presentation with Lauren Emerson-Protection of Intellectual Property and other Legal Issues for Authors

## **Recognition**

Included in *D Magazine's* list of the "Best Lawyers in Dallas," 2014-2017.

In 2004-07, named a "Rising Star" attorney in a statewide survey by *Texas Monthly*.

## **Community**

School Board Member, Our Redeemer Lutheran School, 2016 to present. Secretary since 2019.

President, Parent Teacher League, Our Redeemer Lutheran School, 2009 to 2013, 2018-2020. Various other positions held including Teacher Appreciation Chair and Room Mom since 2007. Auction Chair for over 8 years.

Raider Café Co-Chair 2016-2019 at McCollough Intermediate School, Chair Elect for 2020-2022. Silent Auction and Auction Chair for Highlander Band 2016-2020. Secretary for Highlander Orchestra 2019- to present.

Chair of the David E. Patton Endowed Scholarship Fundraiser working with the Presbyterian Hospital Foundation, 2009-present. Member of the Greer Garson Gala Committee, 2011-2013.

Member, Employee Benefits Board, City of University Park, Texas, 2006- 2010

Graduate, Leadership University Park, 2005-06

Member, ACT III, 2009-present. A Professional Women's Group focused on helping other professional women with the challenges of law practice and professional life.

## **Personal**

Married over twenty-five years to David Coale, a Dallas attorney, and mother of Caleb (19), Cecilia, (14), Camden (12) and Casey (10). Fluent in Spanish (native language), basic understanding of French, German and Portuguese. Enjoy reading fiction and romance novels; member of a book club meeting monthly since 1999.