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Profile

McCorkle Westerborg & Thornton, P.C., founded in 1972 as the partnership of McCorkle & Westerborg, was first located in a two-room suite in the Texas Bank & Trust Building (later the Main Bank Building). Tom McCorkle, from 1971 a sole practitioner in criminal law, was joined in August, 1972, by Rob Westerborg, who was establishing his civil litigation practice. The firm offered general legal services, concentrating in the areas of criminal defense, family law, personal injury, and business matters.

The firm remained in the Main Bank Building until 1978 when it moved to the Katy Building in the Historic District of downtown Dallas. Situated across the street from the Kennedy Memorial, the historic Katy Building was the firm's home for 20 years. Over the years, the practice grew to include the areas of probate, real estate, and professional ethics and discipline.

In 1994, Steve Thornton joined the firm as an associate, enhancing its personal injury practice. Steve became a full partner in 1998, the same year the firm moved its office to the famed Turtle Creek area of Dallas and became McCorkle Westerborg & Thornton, P.C.



Legal Team

With combined experience of more than half a century in the legal profession, our team can handle all legal matters and prides itself on offering the highest quality legal assistance with superior client service.



Tom S. McCorkle

Born Dallas, Texas, August 30, 1943; admitted to bar, 1971, Texas; 1972, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, and U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas.

EDUCATION:

University of Texas (B.B.A., 1966) South Texas College of Law (J.D., 1971).

MEMBER:

State Bar of Texas; Dallas and American Bar Associations; Dallas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (Member, Board of Directors, 1981-1984, 1986); Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; College of State Bar of Texas.

CERTIFICATION:

Board Certified - Criminal Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization

PRACTICE AREAS:

Mr. McCorkle maintains a trial and appellate practice in both state and federal jurisdictions. He has been certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1976. In addition, Mr. McCorkle is significantly involved in civil litigation in the fields of family law, fiduciary relationships, employment non-competition, and professional ethics and discipline. Mr. McCorkle has been active in bar and other professional organizations and enjoys the highest rating available by Martindale Hubbell National Legal Directory.

SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS:

See page 5 for Civil and Criminal cases.



Robert H. Westerburg

Born San Antonio, Texas June 11, 1945; Admitted to the Texas bar, 1970; U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 1975; U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, 1976; Recognized with the highest rating available by Martindale Hubbell National Legal Directory.

EDUCATION:

Graduated University of Texas at Austin, 1967, Bachelor's of Business Administration; University of Texas at Austin School of Law, 1970, Juris Doctor.

MEMBER:

State Bar of Texas; Dallas and American Bar Associations; Texas Trial Lawyers Association; Dallas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; Dallas Bar Association Judiciary Committee; Dallas Bar Association Fee Disputes Committee; Y.M.C.A. Downtown Board of Management.

PRACTICE:

Business and Corporate Law, Personal Injury, Family Law, Real Estate, Consumer Rights, Estate Planning.



Steven W. Thornton

Born Norman, Oklahoma, February 23, 1969; admitted to bar, 1994, Texas; 1997, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas.

EDUCATION:

Texas A&M University (B.B.A., 1991); Baylor University (J.D., 1994). Order of Barristers.

MEMBER:

Dallas Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Dallas Trial Lawyers Association

PRACTICE:

Personal Injury; Commercial Litigation; Business Transactions; Family Law



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COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

- Contracts
- Collections
- Fraud
- Warranties
- Consumer Rights
- Real Estate

BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

- Corporations
- Partnerships
- Contracts
- Employment issues
- Consumer Rights
- Real Estate

PERSONAL INJURY

- Workplace
- Auto
- Medical Malpractice
- Products Liability

FAMILY LAW

- Divorce
- Custody
- Child Support
- Wills / Probate
- Trusts

CRIMINAL LAW

- Federal / State
- White Collar
- DWI
- Felonies / Misdemeanors

Contact

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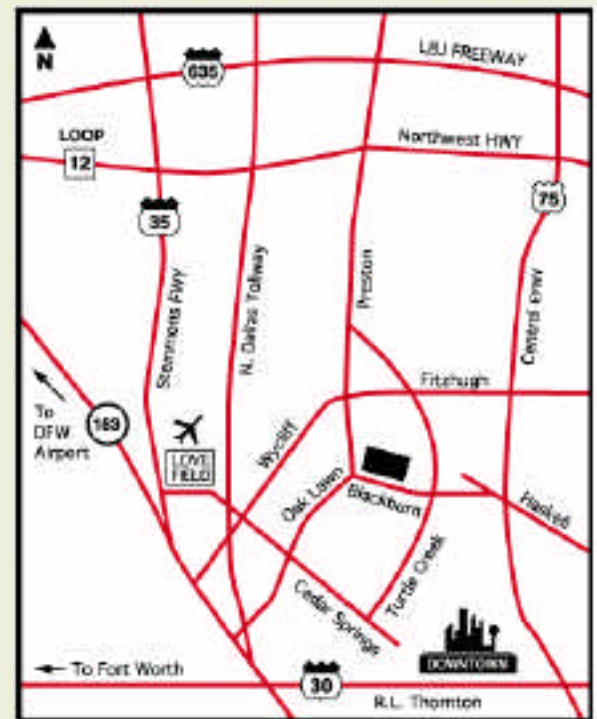
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***We look forward to
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Tom S. McCorkle Significant Cases

CIVIL

Travel Masters, Inc. v. Star Tours, Inc., 827 S.W.2d 830 (Tex. 1991)

Non-competition covenant unenforceable

Hill v. Mobile Auto Trim, Inc., 725 S.W.2d 168 (Tex. 1987)

Non-competition covenant unenforceable

Anderson v. Gilliland, 684 S.W.2d 673 (Tex. 1985)

Doctrine of reimbursement to community estate valued by enhanced value, not cost, of improvements

Spicer v. Tacito & Assocs., 783 S.W.2d 220 (Tex.App., 5 Dist, 1989)

Non-competition covenant unenforceable

Holt v. Holt, 620 S.W.2d 650 (Tex.Civ.App., Dal, 1981)

Material and substantial increase in father's earnings is alone sufficient to increase child support

CRIMINAL

United States v. Ebuomwan, 992 F.2d 70 (5 Cir., 1993)

Relevant conduct of others must be both reasonably foreseeable by defendant and within the scope of jointly undertaken criminal activity

Creeks v. State, 542 S.W.2d 849 (Tex.Crim.App., 1976)

Interrogation of defendant in probation office after warrant issued for violation must be accompanied by Miranda warning

Newberry v. State, 552 S.W.2d 457 (Tex.Crim.App., 1977)

Custodial interrogation requires Miranda warning

Hamilton v. State, 682 S.W.2d 322 (Tex.App., 5 Dist, 1984, Discretionary Review Refused, October 31, 1984)

Hearsay statement that defendant was in possession of weapon insufficient to convict without being made within the hearing of defendant

