

MATTHEW C. CORDON

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Outstanding Tenured Professor (Teaching)**, Baylor University, 2019.
- **Outstanding Tenure-Track Professor (Scholarship)**, Baylor University, 2004.
- **Elected twice to serve as Chair of the Baylor Faculty Senate**, 2007-08, 2020-21.
- **Appointed the Judge A. Royce Stout Endowed Chair of Law**, Baylor Law School, 2023.
- **“Rising Star” Alumnus Award**, University of North Texas College of Information, Department of Library and Information Sciences, 2009.
- **Young Alumni Award**, Central Methodist University, Fayette, Missouri, 2006.
- **Outstanding Article Award**, American Association of Law Libraries, 2004.
- Elected by five Baylor Law School graduating classes to deliver commencement addresses: February 2012, May 2014, July 2016, February 2021, November 2021.
- Elected by five Baylor Law School graduating classes to hood the graduates: 2002, 2007, 2011, 2014, 2022.
- Law Day Award, established by former students and named the *Matthew C. Cordon Excellence in Legal Research Award*, Baylor Law School, 2003-2014.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2000-present

Baylor University Law School, Waco, Texas

Academic Appointments—

Judge A. Royce Stout Chair of Law (2023-present)
Professor of Law (2006-present)
Associate Professor of Law (2003-2006)
Assistant Professor of Law (2000-2002)

Administrative Appointments—

Interim Associate Dean (2023-present)
Director of Legal Writing (2019-present)
Director of the Legal Writing Center (2015-2019)
Associate Director of the Law Library (2005-2015)
Reference Librarian (2000-2005)

1999-2000

Underwood Law Library, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas Reference Librarian

1995

Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri Sports Information Director

1994-1995

Fayette Advertiser/Democrat Leader, Fayette, Missouri Reporter and Sports Editor

EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES
(NOW COLLEGE OF INFORMATION)**

DENTON, TEXAS

Master of Science, 2001

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Member, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

**TEXAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
(NOW TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW)**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Juris Doctor, 1999

Dean's List, Spring 1998, Fall 1998, Spring 1999

(every semester it was recognized)

Moot Court Honors Society, 1997-1999

**CENTRAL METHODIST COLLEGE
(NOW CENTRAL METHODIST UNIVERSITY)**

FAYETTE, MISSOURI

Bachelor of Science, 1994

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BAYLOR LAW SCHOOL, WACO, TEXAS (2000-present)

Legal Analysis, Research, and Communications:

- Legal analysis and writing: 82 sections, 2,808 students, 2003-present.
- Legal research and citation: 24 sections, 881 students, 2000-present.
- Appellate advocacy: 3 sections, 45 students, 2017-present.
- Litigation drafting: 4 sections, 59 students, 2016-present.

Advanced Legal Research:

- Upper-level elective course offered during the winter and spring quarters.
- 48 sections, 1,553 students, 2001-present.

Supervised more than 60 independent studies focusing on legal research and writing.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY, WACO, TEXAS (2021, 2023)

- Taught a legal writing course within the Professional Writing and Rhetoric program.

FAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL, FAYETTE, MISSOURI (1994)

- Completed certification requirements to teach high school English.

BAR ADMISSION

Texas (1999)

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

RESEARCHING TEXAS LAW, 4TH EDITION. Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2019 (with Professor Brandon D. Quarles).

LEGAL ANALYSIS, RESEARCH, AND COMMUNICATIONS. Top Hat Education Software, 2018-present (revised and updated every quarter).

RESEARCHING TEXAS LAW, 3RD EDITION. Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2012 (with Professor Brandon D. Quarles).

CIVIL WAR BLOCKADE-RUNNERS: PRIZE CLAIMS AND THE HISTORICAL RECORD, INCLUDING THE DENBIGH'S COURT DOCUMENTS. College Station, Tex.: Institute of Nautical Archaeology, 2012 (with Professor Gerald R. Powell and Dr. J. Barto Arnold).

RESEARCHING TEXAS LAW, 2ND EDITION. Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2008 (with Professor Brandon D. Quarles).

SPECIALIZED TOPICS IN TEXAS LEGAL RESEARCH. Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2005 (with Professor Brandon D. Quarles).

LEGAL RESEARCH FOR THE TEXAS PRACTITIONER. Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2003 (with Professor Brandon D. Quarles).

ARTICLES

Written Advocacy Training Throughout a Practice-Oriented Curriculum, SECOND DRAFT, Fall 2016 (with Professor Scott Fraley).

Task Mastery in Legal Research Instruction, 103 L. LIBR. J. 395 (2011).

Legislative Stasis: The Failures of Legislation and Legislative Proposals Permitting the Use of Electronic Monitoring Devices in Nursing Homes. 57 BAYLOR L. REV. 675-734 (Fall 2007) (with Dean Bradley J.B. Toben).

Beyond Mere Competency: Advanced Legal Research in a Practice-Oriented Curriculum. 55 BAYLOR L. REV. 1-55 (2002-03).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Texas Practice Materials: A Selective Annotated Bibliography, in STATE PRACTICE MATERIALS: ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES. Frank G. Houdek, ed. Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein & Co., Inc., 2005 & 2022 rev. (with Professor Brandon D. Quarles).

Texas Pre-Statehood Legal Materials, in PRE-STATEHOOD LEGAL MATERIALS. (with Associate Professor Brandon D. Quarles). Michael Chiorazzi & Marguerite Most eds. New York: Haworth Information Press, 2005 (with Professor Brandon D. Quarles).

ESSAYS

GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN LAW, 4TH EDITION. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Cengage, 2021. Contributing author of more than 270 encyclopedia essays.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2020. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Cengage, 2020. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2019. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Cengage, 2019. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2018. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Cengage, 2018. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2017. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2017. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2016. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2016. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH. Farmington Hills, Michigan, 2016. Contributing author; five essays on legal topics are 1000 to 2000 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2015. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2015. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SENIOR HEALTH, 2ND ED. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2015. Contributing author; 11 essays are 2000 to 2500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2014. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2014. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2013. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2013. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVERYDAY LAW, 3RD EDITION. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Thomson/Gale, 2013. Contributing author; 33 essays are 2500 to 3500 words in length. Also revised nearly 100 essays.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2012. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2012. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2011. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2011. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2010. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2010. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

GALE'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN LAW, 3RD EDITION. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2011. Contributing author of more than 250 encyclopedia essays.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2009. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2009. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. Woodbridge, Connecticut: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008. Contributing author; six peer-reviewed essays are 1000 to 3000 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2008. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, 2008. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2007. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Thomson/Gale, 2007. Contributing author; 50 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2006. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Thomson/Gale, 2006. Contributing author; 30 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVERYDAY LAW, 2ND EDITION. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Thomson/Gale, 2006. Contributing author; 30 essays are 2500 to 3500 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2005. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Thomson/Gale, 2005. Contributing author; 32 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF BUSINESS BIOGRAPHIES. Oakland Park, Florida: Schlager Group, 2004. Contributing author; 21 essays are 1000 to 4000 words in length and include biographical information about several business leaders.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2004. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Thomson/Gale, 2004. Contributing author; 30 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

WEST'S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN LAW, 2ND EDITION. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale Group, 2003. Contributing author: wrote or revised 299 entries; content contributor: created or contributed to 92 legal forms.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2003. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale Group, 2003. Contributing author; 14 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVERYDAY LAW. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale Group, 2002. Contributing author; 16 essays are 3500 to 10,000 words in length.

AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2002. Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale Group, 2002. Contributing author; 16 essays are 1000 to 1500 words in length.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Curriculum Vitae: Matthew C. Cordon

Elected Member, Baylor University Faculty Senate, 2003-2009, 2016-2022.

Senate-Related Leadership Positions, Committee Memberships, and Other Roles

- Chair, Faculty Senate 2020-21.
- Chair, Faculty Senate 2007-08.
- *Ex officio* Member, Council of Deans, 2020-21 (representing the Faculty Senate).
- *Ex officio* Member, Council of Deans, 2007-08 (representing the Faculty Senate).
- Chair-Elect, Faculty Senate, 2019-20.
- Chair-Elect, Faculty Senate, 2006-07.
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee Evaluating University Committees, 2006-2009, 2017-2018.
- Chair, Faculty Regent Nominating Committee, 2019-20.
- Leader, COACHE Working Group, Decision Making Across All Levels, 2021.
- Member, COACHE Survey Task Force, 2020-2021.
- Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2005-2009, 2017-2018, 2019-2022.
- Member, Faculty Senate Election Commission, 2018-2019, 2022
- Member, 8/24 Task Force (addressing the response to the COVID pandemic), 2020-2021.
- Moderator (as Faculty Senate Chair), “Faculty Forum on the Return to Campus,” August 2020.
- Moderator (as Faculty Senate Chair), “Faculty Dialogue: Overcoming Challenges in Multimodal Teaching,” November 2020.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing Trends in Faculty Salaries and Benefits, 2005-2009.
- Member, Provost's Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing Baylor University Faculty Policies and Procedures, 2004-2009.
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing Faculty Senate Election Procedures, 2004.

Other Service to Baylor University

- Member, Law School Dean Search Committee, 2023
- Chair, Baylor University Campus Diversity Committee, 2008-2009.
- Chair, Baylor University Committee on Committees, 2007-2017.
- Member, Baylor University Committee on Committees, 2007-present.
- Member, Selection Committee for Outstanding Professors, Baylor University, 2005-2008, 2011-2014, 2018, 2020-2023.
- Member, Baylor University Faculty Dismissal Committee, 2017-2020.
- Member, Baylor University Tenure Committee, 2013-2016.
- Member, Baylor University Strategic Planning Council, 2006-2007.
- Faculty adviser and coach, Baylor Jiu-Jitsu Club, 2015-2023.
- Contributor, Celebrating Advent—“Fixing Our Eyes on the Unseen,” <https://givelight.web.baylor.edu/advent/week-three-joy-day-15>
- Panelist, “Understanding AI and AI Applications: A Baylor Faculty Panel Discussion,” October 26, 2023.

- Participant, Master Teachers Faculty Interest Group: “What Do the Best College and University Teachers Do?” Spring 2017.
- Member, SACS Faculty Credentials Committee, Baylor University, Spring 2005.

Service to Baylor Law School

- Chair, Baylor Law School Outstanding Faculty Recognition Awards Selections Committee, 2021-present.
- Chair, Baylor Law School Academic Standards and Assistance Committee, 2023-present.
- Co-Chair, Baylor Law School Technology Committee, 2023-present.
- Chair, Baylor Law School Student Relations Committee, 2006-2016.
- Member, Baylor Law School Faculty Appointments Committee, 2003-2007, 2014-2016, 2018-2021, 2023-present.
- Member, Baylor Law School Advocacy Competitions Committee, 2019-2022.
- Member, Baylor Law School Curriculum Committee, 2019-present.
- Member, Baylor Law School Bar Exam Committee, 2019-present.
- Member, Baylor Law School Law Review/Student Writing Competitions, 2019-2023.
- Member, Baylor Law School Long-Range Planning Committee, 2019-present.
- Member, Baylor Law School Learning Outcomes Committee, 2019-present.
- Speaker, “Effective Business Communications,” Baylor Law School Professional Development Program, 2015-present.
- Speaker, “Law Office Technology,” Baylor Law School Professional Development Program, 2016, 2019.
- Faculty Sponsor for Amy Waller, Note, *Trespass to Try Title Action in Texas: Damages and a Conflict in the Texas Property Code*, 71 Baylor L. Rev. 529 (2019).
- Judge, Developer, and Presenter, “The Ultimate Writer,” Baylor Law School, 2016-present.
- Judge, Developer, and Presenter, “The Paper Chase,” Baylor Law School, 2016-present.
- Co-Speaker, “Legal Writing Pedagogy at Baylor Law School,” Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (Baylor Academy of Teaching and Learning), October 28, 2016 (with Professor Scott Fraley).
- Co-chair, Online Continuing Legal Education Programs, Baylor Law School, 2003-2009.
- Speaker, “Exceed Expectations in Legal Writing,” Baylor Law School, Professional Development Program, 2012, 2013, 2014.
- Faculty Sponsor for Ben Howell, Note, *Come and Take It: The Status of Texas Handgun Legislation After District of Columbia v. Heller*, 60 Baylor L. Rev. 215 (2009).
- Faculty Sponsor for Matthew G. Cole, Note, *No Blood No Foul: The Standard of Care in Texas Owed by Participants to One Another in Athletic Contests*, 59 Baylor L. Rev. 435 (2007).
- Faculty Sponsor for Kevin Muenster, Note, *The Re-Lie-ability of Polygraph Evidence: Why Texas’ Per Se Ban on the Admissibility of Polygraph Evidence at Trial is Violative of the Texas Rules of Evidence*, 57 Baylor L. Rev. 265 (2006).

- Faculty Sponsor for Lauren Andrew Hudgeons, Comment, *Gestational Agreements in Texas: A Brave New World*, 57 Baylor L. Rev. 863 (2005).
- Faculty Sponsor for Hudson Jobe, Note, *Contingent Fee Agreements: Drafting for Potential Counterclaims After Levine v. Bayne, Snell & Krause, Ltd.*, 55 Baylor L. Rev. 297 (2003).
- Member, Baylor Law School Web Site Committee, 2001-2004.
- Principal Website Designer, Baylor Law School, 2000-2004.

Other Professional Activities and Service

- Member, State Bar of Texas, 1999-present
- Member, American Bar Association, 1999-present
- Member, Legal Writing Institute, 2015-present.
- Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors, 2015-present.
- Member, Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, 2000-2016.
- Member, American Association of Law Libraries, 2000-2016.
- Member, McLennan County Bar Association, 2000-present.
- Member, McLennan County Young Lawyers Association, 2000-2010.
- Participant, “Texas AI and Law Summit,” State Bar of Texas, Taskforce for Responsible AI in the Law (TRAIL), Feb. 26, 2024.
- Speaker, “Generative AI for Legal Professionals,” Waco Legal Professionals Association, Waco, Texas, Nov. 7, 2023.
- Speaker, “A Professional-Development Writing Matter: Running a Cover Letter Workshop,” Lone Star Legal Writing Conference, Texas Tech University School of Law, Lubbock, Texas, April 14, 2023.
- Author, *Gale Encyclopedia of American Law: Covering the Gamut of Law Subjects*, Gale (Cengage) Blog, <https://blog.gale.com/gale-encyclopedia-of-american-law-covering-the-gamut-of-law-subjects/> (Jan. 14, 2022).
- Editorial Reviewer and Content Editor, Thomson/Gale (Farmington Hills, Michigan) for AMERICAN LAW YEARBOOK 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Editorial Reviewer and Content Editor, Cengage (Farmington Hills, Michigan) for GALE’S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN LAW, 4TH EDITION, 2019-2021.
- Speaker and Participant, “Leadership Academy for Program Advocates,” Virtual Meeting of Legal Writing Directors, August 6, 2020.
- Speaker, “How to Design and Sponsor a Regional Legal Writing Competition,” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Denver, Colorado, March 24, 2018.
- Speaker, “Lessons from Legal MapMaker: Training the Solo Practitioner,” Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Phoenix, Arizona, March 11, 2017.
- Speaker, “Technology,” Legal MapMaker, Baylor Law School, 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Speaker, “But It’s FREE! Gauging Reliability of Online Legal Sources,” Annual Meeting of the Texas Association of Legal Professionals, April 9, 2016.
- Panelist, “Everything You Need to Know to Get Published,” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, Austin, Texas, March 22, 2014.
- Speaker/Instructor, “Finding the Law,” People’s Law School (at Baylor Law School), 2006, 2007, 2008, 2013.
- Speaker, “A Legal Information Professional’s Role in University Leadership,” The Third Chinese-American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries, June 2013, Shanghai, China.

- Invited Participant, Boulder Conference on Legal Research Education, Boulder, Colorado, July 2010. Presented paper entitled “Task Mastery in Legal Research Education.”
- Panelist, “Publish or Perish: The Benefits of Publication in the Academic and Law Firm Setting.” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, Waco, Texas, April 2010.
- Technical Brief Grader, ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition, 2010.
- Reviewer, developmental review process, *ALWD Companion: A Citation Practice Book* (Aspen Law & Business).
- Editorial Reviewer and Content Editor, Thomson/Gale (Farmington Hills, Michigan) for GALE’S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVERYDAY LAW, 3RD EDITION, 2012.
- Editorial Reviewer and Content Editor, Thomson/Gale (Farmington Hills, Michigan) for GALE’S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN LAW, 3RD EDITION, 2008-2009.
- Speaker, “Trans-Texas Corridor,” Annual Meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau, College Station, Texas, April 2, 2008. Portions of the presentation are available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqppZHBmaAQ>.
- Speaker, “Advanced Legal Research in Practice-Oriented Curriculum,” Lone Star Legal Research and Writing Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, July 1, 2007.
- Editorial Reviewer and Content Editor, Thomson/Gale (Farmington Hills, Michigan) for GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVERYDAY LAW, 2ND EDITION, 2005-2006.
- Speaker, “Advanced Legal Research in a Practice-Oriented Curriculum,” at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 2005.
- Participant, “Future of Law Libraries Symposium,” Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida, March 2005.
- Historical Consultant, Texas Rangers Museum Mock Trial: *United States v. Captain Leander McNelly*, Waco, Texas, May 2004.
- Speaker, “Legal Research for the Non-Lawyer,” at *Keeping Your Church Out of Court*, Southwestern Theological Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, March 29, 2004.
- Judge, McLennan County Young Lawyers Association Mock Trial Competition, Waco, Texas, February 2004.
- Speaker, “Keeping Your Church Out of Court,” at the Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Lubbock, Texas, November 10, 2003.
- Content Editor and Editorial Reviewer, Gale Group (Farmington Hills, Michigan) for WEST’S ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN LAW, 2ND EDITION, 2003.
- Member, Advisory Board, Gale Group (Farmington Hills, Michigan) for GALE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EVERYDAY LAW, 2001.
- Speaker, “Basics in Legal Research,” Meeting of the Waco Legal Professionals Association, Waco, Texas, May 8, 2001.
- Judge, Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Competition, Waco, Texas, 2001-2006.
- Coordinator and Judge, Heart of Texas Regional History Fair—Baylor Law School Award, 2001-2006.
- Participant, New Faculty Seminar: “Scholarship and the Christian University,” Baylor University, August 2000.

PERSONAL INFORMATION AND ACTIVITIES

- Married to Jennifer Cordon since 1999 and have two children: Chandler (24) and Madelynne (21). Madelynne is a senior at Baylor.
- Member of the High Point Church in Waco.
- Played tennis and football at the collegiate level, competing on the varsity tennis team at Central Methodist College from 1990 to 1993 and playing in the #1 singles position in 1991 and 1992.
- Earned a black belt in taekwondo and won a gold medal in point sparring at the 2011 Amateur Athletic Union National Taekwondo Championships in Austin, Texas.
- Received a black belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu after more than ten years of training and have won 18 gold medals and 58 total medals in competitions.
- Have reached the summits of ten Colorado mountain peaks exceeding 14,000 feet in elevation.