

## HEILLA J. LAIN

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### EDUCATION

#### ***THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW, CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AUSTIN, TEXAS, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, JANUARY 2023***

- Completed 40 hour course which satisfies the classroom training required to mediate court-referred disputes as indicated in the Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Act § 154.052, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code Ann. Course also meets the Texas Mediator Trainers Roundtable's requirements.

#### ***BALANCED BODY® REFORMER INSTRUCTOR TRAINING, 2022***

- Completed Reformer 1, 2 and 3 instructor training modules and passed certification exams for each module.

#### ***WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, J.D., MAY 1999***

- *Environmental Law Reporter* – Editor of 1998 issue
- Environmental Moot Court Competition – March 1998: Winner Best Brief, Finalist Oral Arguments
- Moot Court Competition – November 1997
- Client Counseling Competition – January 1997
- Environmental Law Society – Member

#### ***THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, AUSTIN, TEXAS, B.A., MAY 1996***

- Major in Chemistry and Minor in English
- Inducted into Golden Key National Honor Society – April 1996

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### ***January 2023 – Present, Halo Mediation***

Founder: Certified Mediator. I help disputing parties come together and find common ground for legal disputes using creative and insightful approaches. I ensure a safe and nonjudgmental atmosphere where conflicts are resolved both efficiently and successfully, helping all parties reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

#### ***April 2012-December 2022 Heilla J. Lain PLLC, Austin, Texas***

Founder and Manager: Solo environmental attorney with substantial regulatory and transactional experience focused on a top national telecommunications company that followed me from my time at Bracewell.

#### ***August 2022-Present Ballet Austin Pilates Center, Austin, Texas***

Pilates Reformer Instructor: Teach group, duet and private classes on the Reformer.

***October 1999-April 2012 Bracewell LLP, Houston & Austin, Texas***

Environmental Associate: Practice primarily encompassed providing clients with environmental regulatory compliance counseling and advice relating to the CAA, CWA, RCRA, TSCA, CERCLA and NEPA. Transactional experience includes drafting provisions of indemnity in stock and asset agreements; evaluating and allocating environmental risks associated with transfers of real property and security interests; transferring permits in conjunction with asset, stock purchase agreements, and corporate restructuring; and conducting general due diligence. Represent issuers, borrowers, underwriters and lending institutions on environmental and energy issues in acquisitions, project financing and other secured finance transactions. Experienced in dealing with: environmental compliance audits including supervising and instructing environmental consultants regarding scope and content of technical report and preparation of legal audit memoranda; environmental management systems; and cleanup and remediation requirements and alternatives for contaminated properties. Criminal enforcement experience includes assisting in the defense of clients regarding governmental criminal enforcement of state and federal environmental laws. Litigation experience includes drafting motions and briefs; representing PRPs in CERCLA litigation; and reviewing discovery documents and digesting depositions.

***July 1998-August 1998 Jenkins & Gilchrist, P.C., Austin, Texas***

Summer Associate in firm's environmental section. Conducted analysis of state and federal solid waste regulatory issues, coordinated with state environmental agency to complete certificate for innovative "Innocent Owner Program," performed research and analysis of federal energy issues and prepared trial motions related to the operation of natural gas pipelines.

***May 1998-June 1998 Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P., Houston, Texas***

Summer Associate in firm's environmental and corporate practice areas. In the environmental section worked on wetlands issues, audit privileges, and state and federal solid waste regulatory issues. In the corporate section worked on friendly mergers, initial public offerings related to a "roll-up," securities regulations issues, and drafted limited liability company agreement.

***June 1997-August 1997 Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Austin, Texas***

Law clerk in the Office of the General Counsel for the state's comprehensive environmental agency, with jurisdiction over air, water, and solid waste issues. Responsibilities included legal research and preparation of memoranda on state and federal environmental laws and regulations, including providing recommendations and conclusions; review and application of administrative statutes and case law; communications with agency attorneys and program staff concerning environmental permitting and enforcement matters; and in-depth research of special topics such as the Brownfields Initiative and the environmental permitting process.

**NOTEWORTHY**

- Named "Texas Rising Star" by Texas Monthly Magazine Super Lawyers Issue - 2009
- Steering Committee Member – ADL-Austin Inaugural Jurisprudence Award Luncheon 2009
- ADL-Austin chapter, Glass Leadership Institute Fellow 2008-2009
- Campaign Leadership Team – Jewish Federation of Austin – Generations Campaign 2015-Present

- Co-Chair of “Into the Future” major fundraising event of 3,000+ people kicking off \$25M capital improvement campaign for Shalom Austin/Dell JCC - December 2015
- Capital of Texas Aquatics swim team - Vice President, Board Member 2015-2020
- Selected to attend Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA) Leadership Training in Berlin, Germany & Budapest, Hungary July 2018
- Women’s Philanthropy Cabinet Member, Membership Steward, Nominations Chair - Shalom Austin/Dell JCC 2018-August 2023
- Co-Chair of 2019 IGNITE! - 1,000+ person major annual fundraising event for Shalom Austin/Dell JCC
- Volunteer - Micah 6 food pantry delivery
- Volunteer - Jewish Family Services food pantry delivery
- Volunteer - Drive A Senior ATX (Senior Sidekick program)
- Volunteer - St. Stephen’s Episcopal School Annual Fund 2017-Present
- Harris County Dispute Resolution Center – Volunteer Mediator providing mediations for parties not able to afford mediation services. January 2023-Present
- Dignity Grows - Co-Chair and helped found/launch Austin chapter of nonprofit organization donating free comprehensive and menstrual hygiene supplies to Austin women and girls in need. January 2020-Present
- Lions of Judah – Co-Chair of Philanthropic arm of Shalom Austin’s women’s activists who play vital role in creating social justice, aiding the vulnerable, preserving human dignity and building Jewish identity. August 2023-Present
- Leadership Austin - selected for and graduated in 2022 Essential class fellowship (included extensive DEI training)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, candidate for credentialed mediator 2023
- Austin Mediators Association
- Austin Bar Association – Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- State Bar of Texas

## **PERSONAL**

- Fluent in Hebrew; conversational in Spanish
- Enjoy learning languages, traveling, reading, cooking (on Instagram @halocooks), outdoor activities (hiking and skiing), yoga and Pilates