

## Michelle May O'Neil

Founding Partner

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Ms. O'Neil founded the firm with her friend and partner Nathan T. Anderson based on their desire to provide clients with high-quality representation in a personalized atmosphere. She has over 18 years of experience representing men, women, and children related to family law matters such as divorce, child custody, and complex property division. Described by one lawyer as “a lethal combination of sweet-and-salty”, Ms. O'Neil exudes genuine compassion for her client's difficulties, yet she can be relentless when in pursuit of a client's goals.

Ms. O'Neil became a certified family law specialist by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in 1997 and has maintained her certification since that time. Representing clients in litigation before the trial court is an important part of her practice. In addition, family law appellate matters are a niche of Ms. O'Neil's practice. Lawyers frequently consult with Ms. O'Neil on their litigation cases about specialized legal issues requiring particularized attention both at the trial court and appellate levels.

Most recently, Ms. O'Neil was asked to participate in co-authoring a book entitled *Children and the Law in Texas*, scheduled for publication by Texas Lawyer Press in the Fall of 2009. The State Bar of Texas and other providers of continuing education for attorneys frequently enlist Ms. O'Neil to provide instruction to attorneys on topics of her expertise in the family law arena. She has, further, been honored by her peers with an “A-V” peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directories for the highest quality legal ability and ethical standards, as well as selection as a Barrister in the Annette Steward Inns of Court, an organization devoted to the professionalism of the practice of law.

- Certification:** Board Certified, Family Law, Texas Board of Legal Specialization, 1997, recertified 2002, 2007.
- Licenses:** Supreme Court of Texas, 1992  
United States Supreme Court, 1999
- Education:** Juris Doctor, Baylor University School of Law, 1991  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Baylor University Hankamer School of Business, 1989
- Past Firms:** The May Firm, Dallas Texas  
McCurley, Kinser, McCurley, Nelson, & Downing, L.L.P., Dallas, Texas  
Downs Stanford, P.C., Dallas, Texas
- Honors:** A-V Peer Review Rating, Lexis-Nexis, Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directories  
Annette Stewart Inns of Court, Barrister, 2003 to present  
Who's Who in America, multiple editions  
Who's Who in American Law, multiple editions  
Guest Editor, “Case Law Digest”, *Family Law Section Report*, State Bar of Texas, 2008 to present
- Memberships:** State Bar of Texas, Family Law Section and Appellate Law Section  
Dallas Bar Association, Family Law Section and Appellate Law Section  
Collin County Bar Association, Family Law Section and Appellate Law Section  
Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists