

# BRIAN ANDREW BECKER, J.D., CFP®

## Estate Planning | Business Law | Mediation

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE – ESTATE PLANNING

**THE BECKER LAW FIRM, LLC**, Atlanta, Georgia  
Estate Planning, Business Law, and Mediation

2011 – Present

**CHRISTOPHER A. BALLAR, P.C.**, Buford, Georgia  
Mentor | Estate Planning and Elder Law

2010 – 2011

#### *Part-time Assistant Attorney*

Full immersion estate planning internship under the direct guidance of Christopher A. Ballar, Esq. including discussion, preparation, and execution of wills, revocable living trusts, irrevocable trusts, special needs trusts, powers of attorney, and advance directives (living wills).

**ATLANTA VOLUNTEER LAWYERS FOUNDATION**, Atlanta, Georgia

2010 – 2011

AVLF addresses the unmet civil legal needs of at-risk, low income individuals in the Atlanta community by developing and coordinating programs that provide legal representation, education and advocacy through the commitment of volunteer legal professionals.

#### *Wills on Wheels Program Volunteer Attorney*

AVLF Wills on Wheels Program offers eligible senior citizens, and other non-ambulatory individuals, the help of a volunteer lawyer to write a Will, Living Will, Power of Attorney or other advance directive at no cost.

**MARY F. RADFORD, ESQ., PROFESSOR OF LAW**, Atlanta, Georgia

2008 – 2009

#### **Georgia State University College of Law**

Professor Radford is VP, American College of Trust & Estate Counsel (ACTEC), Long-Range Planning and Program Committees Chair, principal draftsman for Georgia's Guardianship and Probate Codes and author of *Guardianships & Conservatorships in Georgia* and the sixth and seventh editions of *Redfearn: Wills & Administration in Georgia*.

#### *Graduate Research Assistant*

Invited to take on the role of Graduate Research Assistant after a successful volunteer summer research internship.

- Researched and analyzed Georgia case law regarding undue influence of testators for *Redfearn's Wills & Administration in Georgia, 2008*
- Studied various artificial insemination techniques and evaluated developing trends regarding artificially conceived children's inheritance rights for a presentation to probate judges
- Examined the legal rights regarding posthumously extracted sperm for a law review article in Texas Tech University School of Law's *Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal*

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE – MEDIATION

**STATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY**, Atlanta, Georgia

2008 – Present

#### **Fulton County Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Landlord-Tenant Mediation Program Serving Fulton County Magistrate Court and State Court.

**STATE COURT OF DEKALB COUNTY**, Atlanta, Georgia

2013 – Present

#### **DeKalb County Alternative Dispute Resolution**

Landlord-Tenant Mediation Program Serving Fulton County Magistrate Court and State Court.

#### *Certified Mediator*

Mediate complex multi-party landlord/tenant disputes.

- Mediated 200+ disputes
- Achieved an 85% resolution rate in cases mediated

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## EDUCATION

**OGLETHORPE UNIVERSITY**, Atlanta, Georgia 2011  
*Certificate*, Personal Financial Planning

**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**, Atlanta, Georgia 2009  
*Juris Doctor*

Honors: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in Unincorporated Business Associations  
Associations: Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International, Marshal, The Federalist Society, Estate Planning and Wealth Management Law Society, American Bar Association-Student Division

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON**, Madison, Wisconsin 2006  
*Bachelor of Arts*, Spanish and History

Honors: Golden Key International Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Greek System Academic Award, Dean's List  
Service: Greater University Tutoring Service, Spanish tutor, Greek Judicial Board, Justice, Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, Brotherhood Development Director/Secretary/Academic Advisor

## INTERNATIONAL STUDY

**INSTITUTE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION OF STUDENTS**, Barcelona, Spain 2005

**UNIVERSITAT POMPEU FABRA, ESTUDIOS HISPÁNICOS**, Barcelona, Spain 2005

Special advanced study in Catalan based on tested proficiency in Spanish. Courses included "Quijote and Spanish Philosophical Thought of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" and "Contemporary Spanish Literature," an advanced course in Spanish literature. Both courses were taught exclusively in Spanish.

## SPECIAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Fluent in Spanish
- Conversational in German
- Licensed attorney in Georgia
- CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ practitioner
- Certified Mediator
- Westlaw Certified
- Have travelled throughout North and South America, Europe, Africa and the Middle East