**DAWN RYAN BUDNER**

**Legal Experience**

* Calabrese Budner LLP (2015-present) (family and collaborative law)
* The Budner Law Firm PLLC (2007-10) (family and collaborative law)
* Bell Nunnally & Martin, LLP (1999-2006) (partner; director of associate training)
* Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP (1991- 99) (equity partner 1996-99)
* Briefing Attorney, Honorable James R. Nowlin, Western District of Texas (1990-91)

**Professional Memberships, Honors and Activities**

* Legal Leaders Top 5% Recognition (2017)
* American Institute of Family Law Attorneys “Ten Best” In Client Satisfaction (2017)
* American Registry, America’s Most Honored Professionals (2017)
* Distinguished Judicial Advocates Charter Member (2017)
* AV Preeminent Rating by Martindale Hubbell (2008-17)
* Collaborative Divorce Texas (formerly CLI-TX) (2006-10 & 2015-present)
* Int’l Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) (2006-10, 2016-17)
* The Civil Collaborative Law Practice Group (2006-10)
* Texas Collaborative Law Council (TCLC) (2006-10)
* Collaborative Law Dallas Practice Group (2006-09)
* Selected as “Super Lawyer” in *Texas Monthly* (2005, 2006 & 2007)
* Selected as “Rising Star” in *Texas Monthly* (2004 & 2005)

**Legal Career Highlights**

* As lead counsel, obtained $27.7 million jury verdict in whistleblower and civil rights action. *Allen Breaux and Joe Ambrogio v. City of Garland*, Civil Action No. 3:94-CV-2291-D
* As trial counsel, obtained $24.05 million jury verdict against American Airlines for injuries caused by its changeable message signs on DFW Airport highway. *Anwar Soliman, et al. v. American Airlines*, Cause No. 94-8428-C
* Defended former Mr. Universe in litigation involving the Pat Robertson “diet shake”
* Helped a business owner regain her company following a post-sale dispute with the purchaser. *Vangela Cosby v. Pecan Valley Nut Company*, Cause No. DC-97-01352
* Pro bono service throughout career, with more than 400 hours in 1994, and 200 hours in 1995 & 1997, including family law representations

**Recent Non-Profit Positions**

* Board Member, Wezmore (2015-present)
* Co-Chair, Vogel Alcove Annual Arts Performance Event (2016)
* President, Vogel Alcove Auxiliary (2010–12)
* Board Member, Dallas Urban Debate Alliance(2007 – present)
* Board Member, National Association of Urban Debate Leagues (2008–16)

**Education**

* University of Texas Law School, J.D. (With Honors) – 1990
	+ Chancellors (Top 2% of Class)
	+ Articles Editor, Texas Law Review
	+ Order of the Coif (Top 10% of Class)
* University of Texas, B.B.A. (with high honors) – 1987