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## PERSONAL

- ▶ B.A. from Texas A & M University, 1992
- ▶ J.D. from Texas Tech University School of Law, 1995
- ▶ United States Marine Corps Reserve; active duty service (1996-2000), reserve service (2000-2003)

## LEGAL BACKGROUND

- ▶ Partner at Zimmermann, Lavine, Zimmermann, & Sampson, P.C., Houston, Texas; practices primarily criminal defense in state, federal, and military courts
- ▶ Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- ▶ Named a "Rising Star" lawyer under age 40 by Texas Monthly Magazine 2004 - 2009
- ▶ Formerly, on active duty in the United States Marine Corps; served as a Judge Advocate, specializing in prosecuting drug, sexual assault, and financial cases
- ▶ Served as appellate defense counsel in Washington, D.C. after fulfilling active duty obligation

## BAR ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Member - National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- ▶ Member - Military Law Section, State Bar of Texas
- ▶ Member - American Association for Justice
- ▶ Member - Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- ▶ Member - Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association (Board of Directors 2001-2002)
- ▶ Member - Houston Bar Association
- ▶ Member - Houston Young Lawyers Association

## BAR ADMISSIONS

- ▶ U.S. Supreme Court
- ▶ Supreme Court of Texas
- ▶ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Ninth Circuits
- ▶ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces
- ▶ U.S. District Court for the Southern and Northern Districts of Texas

## NOTEWORTHY CASES

- ▶ 2001 - United States v. Mendoza (acquittal of Navy sailor in rape re-trial, where client had received prison sentence when represented by different counsel at the first trial – NAS Corpus Christi, Texas)
- ▶ 2001-2002 - United States v. Morris (represented active-duty Army officer in civilian federal court – acquitted of conspiring to steal \$7,000,000.00 of government property – Dallas, Texas and Columbus, Georgia)
- ▶ 2004 – United States v. Hernandez (represented activated Marine reservist at Article 32 preliminary hearing. Accused of homicide of Saddam Hussein's Baath party official in Iraq. All charges dismissed – Camp Pendleton, California)
- ▶ 2005 – United States v. Granger (acquittal of an Army surgeon charged with nineteen specifications of distribution of controlled substances, disobeying orders, false statement, obstruction of justice – Fort Polk, Louisiana)
- ▶ 2006 – United States v. Palastra (acquittal of Army Special Forces officer charged with rape and indecent acts – Fort Polk, Louisiana)
- ▶ 2006-2008 – United States v. LCpl Stephen Tatum (represented active-duty Marine originally charged with murder of Iraqi civilians, withdrawn after Article 32 hearing; involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, and reckless endangerment charges dismissed with prejudice on first day of trial – Camp Pendleton, California)
- ▶ 2008-2009 – United States v. 1LT Michael Behenna (representing active-duty Army officer at trial and on appeal; unpremeditated murder of suspected Iraqi terrorist- Ft. Campbell, Kentucky)

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