

Legal Experience

Stephen Saunders' practice consists of estate planning and probate work, with a focus on charitable giving, including the creation and representation of family foundations and extensive work in creating funds with the Austin Community Foundation for the Capital Area. Mr. Saunders has extensive experience in representing individuals in their capacities as executors, trustees and beneficiaries of estates and trusts.

Education

- Doctor of Jurisprudence, University of Texas School of Law, 1980
- Bachelor of Arts, History, *with honors*, University of Texas at Austin, 1975, Phi Beta Kappa
- Memorial High School, Houston, Texas (1971)

Professional Licenses

- Attorney at Law, Texas, 1980

Prior Experience

- Partner, Saunders, Norval, Pargaman & Atkins, L.L.P., Austin, Texas (formerly Saunders & Norval, L.L.P.), November 1992 – present
- Shareholder, Jenkins & Gilchrist, Austin, Texas, February 1991 – October 1992
- Shapiro, Edens & Cook, October 1984 – February 1991 (merger with Jenkins & Gilchrist), partner in 1988
- Associate, Clark, Thomas, Winters & Shapiro, September 1980 – September 1984

Speeches and Publications

Mr. Saunders has been a speaker, author, or course director at numerous seminars, including:

- State Bar of Texas, Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course; Estate Planning and Probate Drafting Course; Advanced Estate Planning Strategies Course; Will Drafting Institute; Intermediate Strategies Course; Practice Skills Course; Charitable Giving Course; and Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course
- NASCO/NAAG Conference, 2004
- Big XII Development Conference, 2005
- Lance Armstrong Foundation LiveStrong Summit, Columbus, Ohio, 2008
- UT Professional Advisors Day
- Greeley & Weld County Community Foundation Annual Meeting, 2011
- Co-editor/contributing author, *How to Live-and Die- With Texas Probate*

Professional Memberships and Activities

- Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law
- Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel
- REPTL Section of State Bar, Legislative Committee
 - REPTL Council Member, 2005-2009
- Former Member, Estate Planning and Probate Law Paralegal Commission, State Bar of Texas
- Worked successfully in the 2001-2013 Sessions of the Texas Legislature to preserve the Rule Against Perpetuities and in 2009 to pass the Orphan Trusts bill

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Honors

- Donoghue Award, Austin Community Foundation, 2010

Service on Charitable Boards (*Current board positions)

- Heritage Society of Austin (now Preservation Austin)
- Westcave Preserve
- West Austin Youth Association Endowment*
- Westminster Presbyterian Day School
- Austin Community Foundation for the Capital Area (Board Chair, 2006; Vice-Chair, 2016)*
 - The Henry Renfert, Jr. Fund Advisory Committee*
 - Charitable Holdings Board*
 - The Charles & Betti Saunders Foundation Fund*
- Republic of Texas History Complex Vision Team, Daughters of the Republic of Texas (Honorary Associate Member of the DRT)*
- Stephen F. Austin Society, Chair
- The Nature Conservancy, Austin Advisory Board*
- The Seton Professional Advisors Council*
- Austin Speech Labs Advisory Board*
- Austin High 125th Anniversary Celebration, co-Chair
- Texas Book Festival Advisory Council
- Austin High School PTSA (President, 2001-2002)
- West Austin Youth Association
- University of Texas at Austin Gift Planning Advisory Council*
- University of Texas at Austin Development Board*
- Fistula Foundation, San Jose, California
- University of Northern Colorado Libraries Development Advisory Board*
- The Trail Foundation