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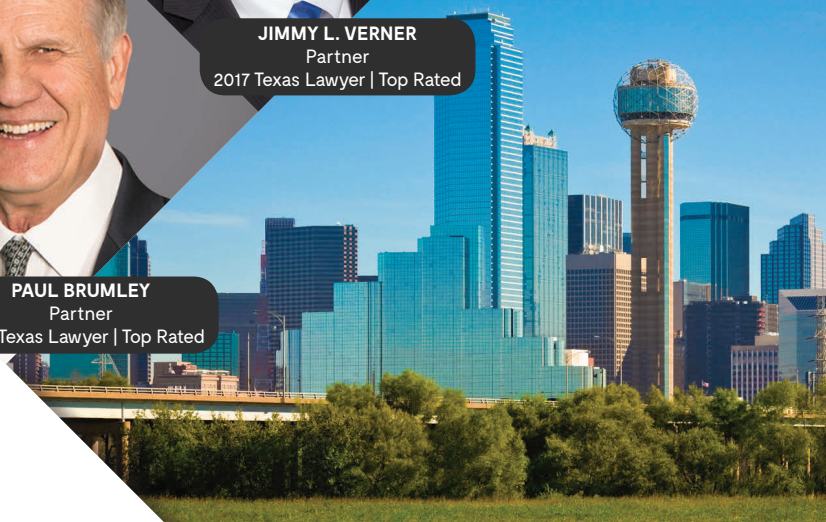


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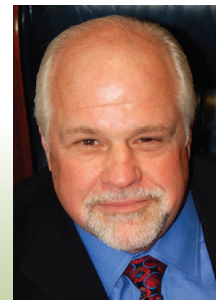
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Dawn is also trained in collaborative divorce, which employs a customized team approach to guide the parties toward interest-based solutions that are not available at the courthouse. Even in litigation, Dawn incorporates collaborative tools and training to elevate the process and improve outcomes for her clients.

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Throughout her career, Dawn has provided hundreds of hours of pro bono legal services, many in family cases. In 2008, Dawn and her husband founded the Dallas Urban Debate Alliance, which provides competitive policy debate programs serving over 1,000 public school students every year. Most recently, Dawn began service on the board of The Wezmore Project, created by SMU Opera alum Eddie Coker to help kids develop emotional wholeness.



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