

STANLEY CHARLES THORNE

The American Family Justice Project

Denver, Colorado

Founder

8/2021 to date

Conceive and execute strategic and tactical citizen initiatives in education, information, training, legislation, and litigation to influence public policy on the family and parent-child relationships.

Law Offices of Randy B. Corporon, P.C.

Denver, Colorado

Senior Attorney

6/2020 to 8/2021

Set aside personal preferences and other interests to return to full-time law practice devoted to the Constitutional crisis created by Executive Orders and Public Health Orders of the Colorado Governor and his executive department subordinates. Formulates and executes strategy and tactics in state and federal court litigation of Constitutional challenges. Representative examples of pending cases and case documents are available upon request.

Dr. Thorne's Traveling Emporium and Medicine Show

Denver, Colorado

Host

4/2019 to 5/2020

KLZ 560 AM and klzradio.com

Full-time radio host on conservative, Christian talk radio station with self-directed show content about anything and everything of personal interest. Regular topics included current legal and political events, American history and traditions, the philosophy of law, public policy issues, and good books. Representative examples of shows are available upon request.

Mills Schmitz Halstead & Zaloudek LLC Of Counsel

Denver, Colorado

10/2010 to 10/2018

Thorne Law Firm

Amarillo, Texas

Chief Counsel

5/1991 to 10/2018

Proven leader in interdisciplinary work with personnel at all levels, from unusual ability to relate to, and work effectively with, all kinds of people. Delivers high quality legal services and pragmatic business advice from core values of personal and professional integrity.

Broad and deep understanding of the energy business and expertise in oil and gas law from 25 years devoted to upstream exploration and production. Excellent working knowledge of upstream, midstream, and downstream operations.

Monthly guest on KLZ 560 AM Denver talk radio show as an expert on energy industry current events and emerging trends (for over four years, from 2015 to April 2019). Unashamed advocate for the U.S. domestic energy industry as a strategic national security asset with a direct impact upon the American way of life and standard of living.

Expert level understanding about compliance with energy regulatory policies, practices, and procedures in numerous states. Active participant in state agency rulemaking proceedings, including submission of written and verbal testimony about proposed rules governing oil and gas production, pooling and unitization to protect correlative rights, secondary and tertiary operations to maximize hydrocarbon recovery, and environmental matters.

Extensive experience handling state agency adjudications (contested and uncontested) in multiple energy producing states, dealing with a broad array of technical subjects such as well location exceptions, allowable production rates, pooling orders, special field rules, statewide field rules, and environmental impact issues such as oil field waste and water disposal.

Advanced understanding of mineral, royalty, and working interest ownership. Prepared drilling and division order title opinions for major operators including Devon, Chesapeake, Samson, and Union Pacific Resources. Some opinions involved extremely complex mineral ownership issues, and others involved long lateral horizontal wells on spacing as large as 1280 acres.

Experienced in energy acquisitions and divestitures and finance. For example, worked with a major bank client to prepare documents, conduct due diligence, and evaluate title to collateral prior to closing on a substantial revolving credit facility secured by oil and gas production of the bank's customer, a large independent energy company.

Sophisticated frame of reference about formulation of public policy through legislative and regulatory processes at every level of government. Understands how to define and address the subject of legislative or regulatory agency attention, conceive an agenda and timeline, precisely draft legislation or regulations, and lobby effectively. Presented written and verbal testimony to sub-committees, committees, and agencies at the federal, state, and local level.

Extensive experience in media and public relations, including radio and television appearances, press conferences, press releases, college campus lectures, and presentation of papers on state oil and gas regulatory matters to peers at luncheon meetings and continuing education seminars.

High-level experience in energy litigation, with a proven ability to work effectively to establish strategic and tactical objectives and manage costs. For example, was one of three team leaders, each managing a team of 32 paralegals in a federal court case with \$5 billion in dispute. Project objective was to process several million pages of documents produced in discovery and build a relational database of coded, scanned, retrievable documents relevant to proof of damages.

Experienced in appellate courts in addition to substantial trial court experience. Personally prepared and filed petitions and briefs in numerous state and federal appellate courts, various state courts of last resort, and one petition filed in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Experienced in structured settlements and alternative dispute resolution. As lead or co-counsel, negotiated and closed settlement of numerous disputes. As court-appointed mediator by appointment of the Honorable John P. Devine (then sitting as a Texas District Court Judge, but now a Justice on the Supreme Court of Texas), settled 13 of 14 cases of civil litigation.

Enserch Exploration, Inc. Director of Revenue Optimization
Dallas, Texas

5/1988 to 5/1991

Reported to the Vice President of Revenue Optimization in the Drilling and Production Division of the exploration and production subsidiary of ENSERCH Corporation, the largest integrated gas utility company in Texas (\$3 Billion assets). The e & p subsidiary company was ranked 10th largest natural gas producer and 31st largest oil producer in Texas.

Was tasked in key management role because of proven ability to work effectively on complex technical and operational matters with company personnel in all divisions and at all levels, including senior corporate officers.

Simultaneously led multiple interdisciplinary task force groups comprised of professional staff personnel (engineering, geological, geophysical, marketing, and accounting), set objectives and priorities, and coordinated their efforts to optimize operations and maximize revenue. Reported progress in weekly meeting with senior management.

Project-specific optimization approach to strategic planning and tactical execution from 1988-1991 achieved substantial increases in company net operating income, when produced oil and gas volumes and prices were steadily declining.

Enserch Exploration, Inc.
Dallas, Texas

Senior Attorney

5/1985 to 5/1988

Reported to the Vice President and General Counsel and exercised high level legal oversight of company operations in four areas - state regulatory affairs, state legislative affairs, natural gas contracts, and contracts for operations in the field.

Served as the company point of contact in all state regulatory agency matters involving company operations located in 12 states - Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas. Supervised local/outside counsel on all state agency hearings, coordinated their interface with company personnel, guided the preparation of evidence and witnesses, and directly participated in major contested hearings.

Extensive experience as lead or co-counsel in state regulatory hearings before administrative agencies in 12 states, to decide engineering, geological, and environmental issues, e.g. well spacing, well density, allowable production rates, and pooling. Routinely worked with petroleum engineers and geologists to present highly technical evidence to administrative law judges in contested hearings about reservoir conditions, recoverable reserves, and optimal production rates.

Monitored and analyzed state legislation and regulatory rules changes in 12 states to assess impact on company interests, briefed and involved company officers as needed to respond, and assisted the company's full-time lobbyist in industry level political lobbying and fundraising.

Publications

"1990 - The Year In Review - Developments at the Railroad Commission of Texas" presented at the annual "Year in Review" program presented by the Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association (and - as Program Coordinator - was responsible for arranging hotel meeting room, 14 other speakers, 400 binders, and catered lunch and breaks for 2 day seminar)

"1989 - The Year In Review - Developments at the Railroad Commission of Texas" presented at the annual "Year in Review" program presented by the Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association

"Railroad Commission Rules and Policies on Gas Proration: Evolution of the Species" presented in 1989 at the annual Continuing Legal Education seminar sponsored by Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section of the Dallas Bar Association

"Prevention of Water Pollution Under Texas Statutes and Railroad Commission Rules - Railroad Commission Procedures Related to Enforcement of Rule 14 (well plugging) and Rule 8 (pits)" presented in 1985 at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Natural Resources Committee of the San Antonio Bar Association

"Recent Amendments to Texas Statutes on Oil and Gas Pollution, Resulting Railroad Commission Rules, and Their Impact on Field Operations" presented in 1984 at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section of the Travis County Bar Association

International Child Kidnapping

To fulfill personal commitment to *pro bono* law, worked closely and consistently over 12 years (2005-2017) with the leading lobbyist in the United States Congress on international child kidnapping to Japan. Had numerous meetings in Washington, D.C. with personnel from U.S. Departments of State and Justice, Congressional staffers, and U.S. Congressmen and Senators.

Formulated policy initiatives and action plans to address the growing problem of international child kidnapping. Evaluated and prioritized complex countervailing policy considerations, researched and developed issue papers and communication documents, and prepared briefing papers.

Drafted and distributed press releases and served as point of contact and information resource for media relations. Spoke at a press conference at The National Press Club in Washington, D.C. to raise the visibility of the international child kidnapping issue.

Assisted in the creation of a magazine devoted entirely to the subject of international child kidnapping to Japan, served as writer and copy editor, and personally distributed the magazine to U.S. Senators, Congressmen, and their staffers.

Drafted text for U.S. Congressional resolutions (adopted in both the House and Senate) calling on Japan to change policy on international child kidnapping, and drafted text for bipartisan remedial legislation (proposed in both the U.S. House and Senate).

Prepared and submitted written testimony at the first-ever hearing on international child kidnapping before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission in the United States House of Representatives.

Participated in evaluation of numerous international kidnapping cases to identify rights and remedies (civil, criminal, and diplomatic) and formulate strategic and tactical action plans.

In a precedent-setting New York state court case, orchestrated presentation of testimony from three experts (and prepared their extensive supporting documents) which convinced a judge to issue protective court orders that prevented an imminent child kidnapping to Japan.

In a precedent-setting Wisconsin state court case, prepared a comprehensive Letter Opinion (26 pages) which addressed numerous, complex foreign policy and legal issues related to return of an already kidnapped child from Japan. The Letter Opinion was delivered in Japan by local counsel to Japanese attorneys, judges, and diplomats as one step in the process which led to the child being returned from Japan to her home in the United States (the first time any kidnapped American child in Japan has been returned to the United States through legal or diplomatic means).

Constitutional Law

To fulfill personal commitment to *pro bono* law, conceived and executed initiatives in education, legislation, and litigation to influence public policy and the law on family relationships.

In an effort to improve family law through Constitutional litigation, served as lead counsel, co-counsel, consulting counsel, expert witness, or *amicus curiae* (friend of the court), in state and federal court cases in Texas, Ohio, New York, Illinois, California, Florida, Wisconsin, Maryland, Tennessee, and Alabama. Representative examples are as follows.

Was appointed as *pro bono* counsel by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit to represent an indigent parent in a Constitutional test case. Case No. 04-3527, styled *Michael A. Galluzzo v. Teresa Cook f/k/a Teresa Galluzzo*, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Cincinnati, Ohio. (January 2005)

As *pro bono* counsel, presented oral arguments for an indigent parent to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York in a Constitutional test case. Case No. 05-0229, styled *Stephen J. Walker, Plaintiff-Appellant, v. State of New York, et al, Defendants-Appellees*, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Manhattan, New York. (September 2005)

Was admitted *pro hac vice* as an attorney-of-record in an Illinois state court to present oral arguments in a Constitutional test case. Case No. 00-D-700, styled *In Re: Marriage of Mary Kay Roney, Petitioner, and Christopher J. Roney, Respondent*, in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, Champaign County, Illinois. (September 2006)

Was recognized as an expert witness on Constitutional law in an Ohio state court and presented expert testimony in a Constitutional test case. Case No. 02DR3-1126, styled *Frances Tock v. Christopher Tock*, Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Division, Columbus, Ohio. (April 2007)

Was attorney-of-record in a petition to the Supreme Court of the United States to review a Constitutional test case. Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Case No. 07-1052, styled *David A. Roberts, Petitioner, v. Maine Department of Health and Human Services, et al, Respondents*, in the Supreme Court of the United States, Washington, D.C. (May 2008)

Formulated and advocated best practices and procedures for use by family court judges and lawyers, based upon analysis of historical, sociological, psychological, economic, legal, and ethical aspects of parent and child relationships.

Utilized a wide variety of media (including radio and television appearances, public speaking, college campus lectures, and networking opportunities) to communicate with the bench, the bar, and the public about family law best practices and procedures and Constitutional issues.

Guest lectured to economics students at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia about a short history of common law, Magna Carta, recognition and popular understanding of the “Rights of Man”, and how these fundamental liberty interests are seen in the United States Constitution, the Rule of Law, and the American System of Justice. (June 2011)

In an effort to improve family law through state legislation, consulted on state legislative initiatives, conceived legislative agendas and timelines, drafted legislation, lobbied for passage, and presented supporting testimony to various legislative committees and subcommittees. Worked closely with citizens on legislative initiatives in numerous states, including Georgia, Michigan, West Virginia, Minnesota, Tennessee, Alabama, Arizona, and Colorado.

In an effort to improve family law through federal legislation, was one of several invited speakers at a press conference at The National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Each of the speakers outlined a specific family law issue or aspect of family law policy in need of reform and called on the U.S. Congress to address the need for remedial federal legislation. Later the same day was co-moderator of a briefing on family law policy issues for Congressional staff in the United States Capitol Visitor’s Center. (July 2010)

Presented a lecture to graduate students at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. The lecture covered a short history of divorce law in the United States, adoption in the 1970’s of “no-fault” divorce statutes in most states, how child custody policy has evolved since then, how

these legal “megatrends” have impacted respect for the Rule of Law and the U.S. Constitution, and pragmatic solutions to address the most onerous of the post-divorce relationship issues faced by parents and children. (November 2008)

Was an invited speaker at the 20th Annual Conference of the Children’s Rights Council entitled “Shared Parenting in the 21st Century - Exploring the Best Interests of Children” at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. (November 2006)

Attended the (invitation only) annual Symposium of the Institute for American Values in New York City, conducted at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The focus was family law reform, and speakers included the Honorable Leah Ward Sears, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, and the Honorable Jean Hofer Toal, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina. (September 2006)

Family and Personal Interests

Three adult children, two sons and a daughter

Mentoring young people

Reading, especially history and biographies

Riding horses and trains

Music

Rodeos

Outdoor activities and sports, including hiking, biking, camping, snow skiing, and snowmobiling