

KATY-MARIE LYLES, Esq.

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EDUCATION

Texas Bar Examination *Sept 2016*
Admittance to practice in good standing

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Riverview, FL *Jan 2016*
Juris Doctor, cum laude

Honors:

Dean's List- 7 times

Honor Role- 4 times

Certificate of Merit Award for International Law

Certificate of Merit Award for NAFTA Overview

Certificate of Merit Award for International Business Law

Activities:

Florida Association of Women Lawyers

Student Bar Association

Barrister's Ball Committee

Melissa Mitchell Moot Court Competition

Negotiation Competition

Oxford University, Hertford College, Oxford, England *May-Aug 2014*

University of Toronto, St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Study Abroad

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX *Aug 2008*

Bachelor of Science in Sociology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Law Office of K.M. Lyles

Law Practice

- I represent individuals who are facing legal issues and need guidance. Majority of my legal practice is criminal defense in Galveston County where I advocate and defend the rights of those accused of crimes by representing them in court through the duration of their case. The Constitution guarantees that we are all *innocent until proven guilty*, and I do my best to make sure that happens.

Galveston County District Attorney's Office, Galveston, TX

Sept 2016 to May 2018

Assistant District Attorney

- Was responsible for representing the State of Texas in the prosecution of criminal cases. This included charging and handling of criminal cases from initial case evaluation until case disposition. Daily duties included managing a docket caseload and attending court everyday for negotiations, plea agreements, and contested hearings including trials. Additionally, was responsible for filing motions, correspondence with attorneys, witness contact and preparation, and evidence collection.

Brazos County District Attorney's Office, Bryan, TX

Aug 2015-Dec 2015

Legal Intern

- Assisted attorneys in various activities from case intake, preparation before and throughout trial, to post trial appeals. Assisted with several trials, including a capital murder trial where the defendant was convicted.

Hillsborough County 13th District Court, Tampa Bay, Florida

Summer 2015

Judicial intern for Honorable Martha Cook

- Was personally taught the trial process from Judge Cook as she performed judicial duties in pre-trial meetings and during trial. Following each, discussion and specific points were addressed in chambers to ensure an accurate understanding of the process from all legal aspects.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Galveston County Felony Mental Health Court Defense Attorney
- Secretary for the Galveston County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
- Member of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

City Council Place 4, City of College Station, College Station, TX

City Council Member

Jun 2009 to Nov 2012

- Served as an elected representative on the city council by voting on policy decisions, providing direction to the council-appointed city administrators, representing the city on local boards, and voicing the varied interests and concerns of the constituency.

Brazos Valley Arts Council, Bryan, College Station, TX

Board Member

June 2009-November 2012

- Oversaw the management and employment of the Executive Director of Brazos Valley Arts Council. This included mandatory board meetings, participation in local art events, voting on budgetary matters, and corresponding between the organization and City of College Station.

County Health Department, Bryan, College Station, TX

Board Member

June 2009- November 2012

- Oversaw the employment of the Director of the Brazos County Health Department, implementation of local health care directives, compliance with state and federal standards, and voted on budgetary matters. In addition, reported to the City of College Station on how city funds were being spent on the local health care initiatives.

Intergovernmental Committee, Bryan, College Station, TX

Board Member

June 2009- November 2012

- Attended and voted with other local legislative officials on areas of collaboration in order to preclude redundancy, promote cooperation, and ensure fiscal responsibility wherever possible. In addition to cooperative joint ventures, also discussed arising local issues and ways to work together on those issues.

Leadership Texas Class of 2011, Texas

February 2011-Present

- Leadership Texas is a selective networking organization of professional women across Texas that promotes furthering education, diversity, and professionalism. Each year a new class is selected and becomes a part of the entire organization of Leadership Texas. Each annual class participates in multiple seminars that take place across the state of Texas to engage women in the issues facing professional women.