

## William W. Morris Of Counsel

As a former associate judge, Bill Morris brings a unique prospective to his family law practice. His experience on the bench allows him to focus on the best possible outcome while guiding his clients through the maze that is the divorce process. He has represented high-wealth clients and indigents. Bill has obtained favorable outcomes for his clients in custody cases, property cases, child support modifications, modifications of visitation and parental rights, enforcement of court orders, mediated settlements, and pre-and postmarital agreements. He is Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

### Press Releases

- “Gray Reed Attorney Honored by Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists” (July 16, 2014)
- “William Morris Elected to Texas Family Law Foundation Board of Directors” (August 13, 2009)

### Speeches and Presentations

- “Preparing For And Recovering From A Disaster”, State Bar of Texas Advanced Family Law Course (August 16, 2018)
- “Morris Speaks on Family Law - Legislative Update ”, Houston Bar Association Family Law Section (July 6, 2011)
- “Morris Speaks on Family Law Legislative Update” (June 24, 2011)
- “Family Law Legislative Update in Houston”, University of Texas at Austin School of Law (June 10, 2011)
- “Paying the Piper - Child Support Issues”, 2011 Family Law Seminar (May 13, 2011)
- “When the Form Manual is Silent”, Houston Bar Association Family



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**Practices**  
Family Law  
Collaborative Divorce

**Education**  
J.D., University of Houston Law Center  
(1973)  
B.A., Kansas State University (1969)

**Bar Admissions**  
Texas

**Court Admissions**  
United States District Court, Southern  
District of Texas

Law Section (September 3, 2008)

- “Top Ten Things NOT To Do In Court”, South Texas College of Law 22nd Annual Family Law Conference (2008)
- “Handling The Property Case On A Shoestring”, State Bar of Texas Pro Bono Seminar (2006)
- “The Interest Of A Child”, UCJEA and UIFSA Webcast (January 1, 2006)
- “Drafting Workshop - Fee Agreements”, 30th Advanced Family Law Course (2004)
- “2003 Legislation - What Is Coming Up On The Horizon”, Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section (2002)
- “The “New” Discovery Rules: Good, Bad, or Indifferent”, Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section (2002)
- “Child Support: Establishing Withholding, Draft Enforceable Decrees”, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (2001)
- “Child Support: How to Establish it, Withhold it, and Draft Decrees So That It Will Be Enforceable”, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (2000)
- “The Last “First” Legislative Update of the Millennium”, Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section (2000)
- “Family Law Mediation Training Seminar”, South Texas College of Law (1999)
- “Family Law for General Practitioner and Legal Assistant”, South Texas College of Law (1999 & 2001)
- “Joint Managing Conservatorship and Presumptions ”, South Texas College of Law (1998)

- “How to Successfully Prove Up a Modification”, South Texas College of Law (1998)
- “Ethics - How to Avoid the M Word”, State Bar of Texas (1998)
- “Joint Managing Conservatorship: New Presumptions and Religious Issues”, South Texas College of Law (1996-1997)
- “Pretrial Property Procedures”, South Texas College of Law (1996)
- “How to Set Child Support”, Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program (1995-1996)
- “Mandatory Magic Language”, State Bar of Texas (1993)
- “Discovery and Sanctions Workshop and Legislative Update Workshop”, State Bar of Texas (1993)
- “Just When You Thought It Was Safe to Go Back Into the Water: How to Set Child Support in Multiple Family Cases”, Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section (1993)
- “Paternity and Pending Legislation”, NHCBA (1993)
- “Personal Liability Versus Property Liability”, Houston Lawyers Association (1993)
- “How To Set Child Support When the Payor Has Multiple Children in More Than One Household or Is Unemployed or Underemployed”, TADRO (1993)
- “Practice in the Family Law Courts”, Mexican American Bar Association - Houston (1993)
- “The Impact of HIV on Divorce, Custody and Child Support”, Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section (1992)
- “Unusual Child Support Cases”, State Bar of Texas (1992)

- “Using the Child Support Guidelines”, State Bar of Texas (1991)
- “Use of Pre- and Post-Nuptial Agreements”, Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section (1991)
- “Using the Child Support Guidelines in Difficult or Unusual Cases”, State Bar of Texas (1990)
- “Common Law Marriage and Palimony”, Marriage Dissolution Institute (1990)
- “Legislative Update; Cases Law Update; and Rules in Family Law Cases”, Pasadena Bar Association (1989)
- “Masters, Temporary Orders, Hearings and Interim Attorneys Fees”, State Bar of Texas (1989)
- “Characterization”, Houston Bar Association - Family Law Section and TSCPA Foundation (1989)
- “Recent Amendments to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure”, Pasadena Bar Association (1987)
- “Practice Before Masters”, Southern Methodist University School of Law (1987)
- “Preparing and Presenting the Application for Protective Order”, Houston Young Lawyers Association (1986)

### Honors

- David A. Gibson Award of Excellence (2014)
- Selected as a Super Lawyer by Texas Super Lawyers (a Thomson Reuters company) as published in *Texas Monthly* and *Law & Politics* magazines (2012)
- Selected as a Houston Top Lawyer (2007)

- AV Preeminent® rated (the highest possible Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating designation)

### Related Employment

- Adjunct professor, South Texas College of Law, Marital Property Rights and Family Law (2010)
- Adjunct professor, University of Houston Law Center, Marital Property Rights and Family Law (1986 - 1987, 1991 - 1992)
- Associate Judge, 247th District Court (1982 - 1993)

### Organizational Involvement

#### Professional Involvement, Memberships & Affiliations

- State Bar of Texas
  - Family Law Council - Legislative Committee (1986 - present)
  - Texas Family Law Practice Manual Drafting Committee (mid 1990s - present)
  - Co-Course Director, 39th Advanced Family Law Seminar (2013)
  - Judicial Liaison, Family Law Council (1986 - 1990)
- Houston Bar Association
  - Chair, Family Law Section (1996 - 1997)
  - Chair, Collaborative Law Section (2006 - 2007)
- Texas Family Law Foundation
  - Treasurer (2017 - present)
- Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists.

- Gulf Coast Family Law Specialists
  - Chair (1995 - 1996)
- Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Court Annexed Mediations (Former Member)
- College of the State Bar
- Houston Bar Foundation Fellow
- Texas Bar Foundation Fellow

**Community Involvement, Memberships & Affiliations**

- The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church