Charlotte A. Drew

Charlotte Drew was born in Florida and grew up in southern east coast areas, primarily in South Carolina. She was graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1993 and earned her law degree from this same institution in 1996. She moved to Texas in 1998 and began practicing law in Montgomery County in 1999.

Combining her years of experience across multiple practice areas, Ms. Drew's practice currently centers on complex business, real estate and construction litigation and family law matters, with a special emphasis on those family cases involving closely held businesses and high-asset divorces. Over the course of her career, Ms. Drew has handled complex business disputes in both arbitration and litigation; advised construction owners, general contractors, subcontractors, and vendors regarding lien issues and litigation; handled real estate development transactions and preparation of lending proposals, marketing, and specialized documents for both simple and complex real estate acquisitions, sales, and leases; represented economic development corporations and volunteer fire departments; assisted clients with farm/ranch and equine matters; and assisted families with both simple and complex family law issues in a variety of forums.

Ms. Drew is also a certified mediator, and as a mediator she utilizes her years of experience to assist attorneys and their clients in resolving disputes through alternative dispute resolution.

H Texas Magazine has twice named Ms. Drew as one of the Houston's Top Lawyers, and, in 2009, she was also named as one of Houston's Top Lawyers for the People. The "Top Lawyers" lists are comprised of the top 2-4% of lawyers who have been voted and recognized as the best lawyers in Houston. The lists are compiled through a combination of peer voting and reader nominations, and the votes are tabulated by the publication's research editor. Backgrounds are checked, and the list of nominees for each recognition is narrowed down to represent the best lawyers in the Houston and greater Houston area. In addition to her outstanding legal qualifications, she has served as chief legal editor and monthly columnist for *Texas Horse Talk* magazine.

Education & Dispute Resolution Training:

University of South Carolina, B.A., 1993, J.D., 1996
Mediation Training, A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center
Collaborative Family Law Training, Norma Trusch

Bar Admissions:

State Bar of Texas, 1999
U.S. District Courts: Southern District of Texas, Eastern District of Texas

Professional Memberships & Community Activities:

- ★ The College of the State Bar of Texas
- ★ Montgomery County Bar Association: Law Library Committee; Scholarship Committee, 2005 & 2006
- ★ The Woodlands Bar Association
- ★ Eastern District of Texas Bar Association
- ★ State Bar of Texas: Litigation Section, Business Law Section, Construction Law Section, Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section, Family Law Section, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
- ★ Collaborative Law Institute of Texas
- ★ Texas Collaborative Law Council
- ★ South Montgomery County Woodlands Chamber of Commerce
- ★ Chief Legal Editor and columnist, *Texas Horse Talk*, 2007
- ★ Magnolia Education Foundation: Founding Member; Director, 2001-2004; Vice-President, 2002