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Education: B.A., Austin College, Sherman Texas, 1972; M.Div., Union Theological Seminary, New York City, 1975; Certificate of Studies, International Fellows Program, Columbia University, New York City, 1974; one year of study at United Theological College, Bangalore, India, 1974-75 (part of M.Div Program); J.D., Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, 1978; LL.M., International Law, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1981

Bar Admissions: State Bar of Texas
District of Columbia (currently inactive)
United States District Court, Northern District of Texas
United States District Court, Western District of Texas
United States District Court, District of Columbia
Fifth Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals
The United States Supreme Court

Employment: Dodd & Batla, P.C.: August 1992 – present

Areas of Practice:

Banking: Representation of banks on commercial real estate loans

General

Business: Representation of businesses on a variety of matters, including: formation, negotiation and preparation of contracts, and consultation on other business matters

Non-Profit

Entities: Formation and representation of non-profit, charitable and religious organizations

Probate and

Wills: Representation of estates in probate; heirs in heirship determination proceedings; preparation of wills, powers of attorney, and related documents

Real Estate:

Representation of: buyers and sellers of commercial real estate in the purchase and sale of both raw land and income-producing property; landlords and tenants in commercial leasing transactions; owners and contractors on construction projects; buyers and sellers in the purchase and sale of residential property; and, owners of both commercial and residential property in other types of real estate-related matters

Former Areas of Practice:

Banking: Representation of banks in collections, foreclosures, and workouts

International: Negotiation and preparation of various types of business and commercial agreements, including agency agreements, distribution agreements, license agreements, sales agreements, and other trade-related agreements

Litigation: Litigation of banking, business, real estate, and contract disputes

Mediation: Mediation of banking, business, real estate, and contract disputes

Teaching:

Mr. Dodd developed and teaches the International Business Fellows Seminar at the University of Texas (he was named to the McCombs School of Business Faculty Honor Roll for his class instruction in the Fall of 2003 and the Spring of 2011). The IBFS is a multi-disciplinary seminar course that brings together graduate students and faculty from the Business School, the LBJ School of Public Affairs, Asian Studies, Latin America Studies, Middle East Studies, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, and other graduate programs at the University of Texas at Austin to study the reasons for and the implications of the changing global landscape. In the past, he taught International Business Law in the College of Business Administration at the University of Texas and in the MBA program at St. Edwards University. Mr. Dodd taught Texas Real Estate Law in the Legal Assistants Program at the University of Texas.

Bar and Civic Activities:

Mr. Dodd is a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a Founding Fellow of the Austin Bar Foundation, and a member of The College of the State Bar of Texas. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Austin Bar Foundation and the Board of the Austin Chapter of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy. In the past, he served three terms as Chair of the Financial Institutions Law Section of the Travis County Bar Association (“TCBA,” now known as the Austin Bar Association), and in that capacity he served on the Board of Directors of the TCBA from 2002 -2005. He served as Vice-Chair of the Financial Institutions Section of the TCBA during the 2001-2002 term. Mr. Dodd served as Chair of the International Law Section of the TCBA from 1993 through 1995.

Mr. Dodd has served on the Board of Directors of several educational and non-profit organizations. Currently, Mr. Dodd serves on the Board of Advisers of the University of Texas’ Center for Global Business (formerly known as the Center for International Business Education and Research). In the past, he served on several other boards, including the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly, which is a Presbyterian camp and conference center west of Kerrville, Texas, and he served on the Alumni Board of Austin College. In the 1980s, Mr. Dodd served on the Board of Directors of the Austin Foreign Trade Council (“AFTC”), in which he also served two terms as President. The AFTC later merged into the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce (the “Chamber”). Subsequent to that merger, Mr. Dodd served on the Board of Directors of the Chamber and as Chair of its International Committee. While serving as President of the AFTC, Mr. Dodd helped bring about the foreign trade zone in central Texas. Mr. Dodd and his wife were founding board members of Austin Habitat for Humanity, Inc. He also helped form, and he served on, the Board of Directors of Micah 6 of Austin Texas, and he also served as President of that Board. Micah 6 is a coalition of University-area churches serving the poor and homeless in that area. Mr. Dodd also serves on the Session of University Presbyterian Church.

Publications:

Mr. Dodd authored "A Comparative Analysis of Selected Rules of International Arbitration" published, originally, in the Summer 1993 issue of Currents, The International Trade Journal of the South Texas School of Law, and subsequently an updated version was published in the April 1998 issue of The International Quarterly. He also wrote the article, "Texas Exporters Fund Guarantees Loans," in the April 1990 issue of The Texas Independent Banker; and he published a book review of Robert F. Meagher's *An International Redistribution of Wealth and Power, A Study of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States*, Law and Policy in International Business, Vol. 12, No. 2, 1980.

Personal:

Mr. Dodd is married to the former Mary Jacobi. They have three children: Rachel, age 28, Adrienne, age 24, and John, age 22.