

# Tammi Axelson, DSW, LMSW-IPR

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education**

*Doctorate in Social Work, Tulane University, 2022*

*Master's of Science in Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington, 2005*

*Bachelor's of Science in Social Work, University of North Texas, 2002*

### **Licensure and Certifications**

*Licensed by the Texas Board of Social Workers Examiners, License #37655  
2005 to present*

*Texas Board of Social Work Examiners Independent Practice Recognition  
2007 to present*

*Certified Mediator in the State of Texas  
2018 to present*

### **Professional Experience**

*Pineywoods Family Supervision, Owner; Angelina and surrounding counties  
August 2020 to present*

*MSW Field Instructor; University of Texas at Arlington  
August 2020 to present*

*MSW Field Instructor; University of Houston  
May 2018 to August of 2019*

*Court-Appointed Child Custody Evaluator; Angelina, Nacogdoches and counties throughout Texas  
10/2006 to present*

*Court-Appointed Adoption Evaluator; Angelina, Nacogdoches and surrounding counties  
7/2006 to present*

*Family Law Expert Consultant; Angelina, Nacogdoches and counties throughout Texas  
3/2016 to present*

*Parenting Facilitator; Angelina and Nacogdoches County  
12/2018 to present*

*Foster/Adopt Home Studies, Buckner Children & Family Services, Angelina and Orange County  
1/2007 to 1/2017*

*Clinical Social Worker, Memorial Health Systems of East Texas, Lufkin, Texas  
8/2006 to 10/2008*

*BSW Field Instructor, Stephen F. Austin State University  
1/2007 to 5/2008*

*Clinical Social Worker, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Dallas, Texas  
2/2004 to 8/2006*

*Clinical Social Worker, Parkland Health and Hospital System, Dallas, Texas  
12/2002 to 2/2004*

*Clinical Social Worker, John Peter Smith Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas  
8/2002 to 12/2002*

### **Professional Affiliations**

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Member from 2011 to present*

*Family Law Foundation  
Member from 2018 to present*

### **Publications**

*Co-author: Axelson and Valentine, When and How to Challenge Child Custody Evaluations.  
Advance Family Law, 2023*

*Co-author: Axelson and Gentile, Are Child Custody Evaluations Beneficial to Family Law Judges? A  
Study from the Judicial Perspective. Family Court Review, In press.*

### **Seminar Presentations**

*Co-speaker: Advanced Child Custody Evaluation Training Seminar  
February 2020, Plano, Texas*

*Co-speaker: The Silver Spoon vs. the Spork: Child Custody Evaluations on Any Budget  
AFCC 14<sup>th</sup> Child Custody Symposium, November 2020, Online Conference*

*Co-speaker: The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse: Tips for Professionals in Rural and Urban  
Areas. AFCC 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 2021, Boston, Massachusetts.*

*Co-speaker: Issues and Evaluations in Family Court: Getting Beneath the Surface  
January 2022, Coppell, Texas.*

*Co-speaker: The Good, Bad and the Ugly: The Direct and Cross Examination of a Child Custody  
Evaluator. AFCC 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, May 2022, Chicago, Illinois.*

*Co-speaker: Training Child Custody Evaluators: A Dying Breed.  
AFCC 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, May 2022, Chicago, Illinois.*

*Co-speaker: The ABC's and 123's of Child Custody Evaluations.  
AFCC 15<sup>th</sup> Child Custody Symposium, November 2022, Las Vegas, Nevada.*

*Co-speaker: Licensure Boards to the Courtroom: Everything You Need to Know  
Texas AFCC Annual Conference, December 2022, Austin, Texas.*

*Co-speaker: What Judges Really Want in Child Custody Evaluations  
California AFCC Annual Conference, February 2023, Costa Mesa, California*

*Speaker: Social Workers in the Courtroom  
National DSW Conference on Social Work Practice and Education, March 2023, Virtual*

*Co-speaker: Working with Court-Involved Families  
Mission Possible Conference: Building a Village, March 2023, Lufkin, Texas*

*Co-speaker: Scared of the Courtroom? Tips and Tricks for Effective Testimony.  
AFCC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Conference, May 2023, Los Angeles, CA*

*Co-speaker: When and How to Challenge Child Custody Evaluations  
Advanced Family Law Course, August 2023, San Antonio, Texas*

### **Professional Continuing Education**

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 60<sup>th</sup> National Conference, 60 Years of Asking Difficult Questions, May 2023*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 15<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody, From A Full House to Parenting Apart, November 2022*

*Our Family Wizard Webinar, Technology, The Silent Witness: What you need to Know, August 2022*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, The Use, Misuse and Abuse of Technology in Family Law, May 2022*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, What Do Judges Want Webinar, April 2022*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Focused or Cost-Effective Evaluations Webinar, February 2022*

*Introduction to Developmentally Appropriate Interviewing of Children using the Revised NICHD (Six-week course). Palo Alto University, January 2022 to February 2022.*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts and AAML Conference on Advanced Family Law Issues, September 2021*

*North Texas Families in Transition, New Discovery Rule for Mental Health Experts Webinar, December 2020*

*Enhanced Forensic Decision-Making Online Training, December 2020*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Child Custody Symposium on the Future of Child Custody, November 2020*

*Texas Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, June 2020*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Parental Alienation: False Positives and Myriad Concerns Webinar, June 2020*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts AAML Conference on Advanced Issues in Child Custody, August 2019*

*North Texas Families in Transition, Legal and Licensing Issues: What Every Therapist Should Know, February 2019*

*Between Two Homes Co-parenting Class Teacher Certification, January 2019*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 13<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody, November 2018*

*Parenting Coordination/Facilitation: Intervention for High Conflict Families, Bradley Craig, LMSW-IPR and Aaron Robb, Ph.D., September 2018*

*Texas Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, June 2018*

*Counselors in the Courtroom; Christy Bradshaw, LPC and Michael Puhl, JD, January 2018*

*Challenging Clients and Challenging Topics: Advanced Issues with Clients in Family Litigation; North Texas Families in Transition, October 2017*

*Child Custody Evaluations: From Nuts and Bolts to Advanced Issues; Christy Bradshaw, LPC and Aaron Robb, Ph.D., July 2017*

*One for the Road and Two for the Courtroom; Differentiating Drug and Alcohol Issues with Family Court Clients, North Texas Families in Transition, February 2017*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 12<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody, November 2016*

*Child Custody Evaluations: Opportunities and Challenges for Legal and Mental Health Professionals, Christy Bradshaw, LPC and Aaron Robb, Ph.D., May 2016*

*Child Custody Evaluations, SMU Denman School of Law and Texas Family Law Foundation, February 2016*

*Mock Trial: Testimony and Examination Issues with Mental Health Professionals, Jenny Gomez, MS, LPC-S, RPT-S, February 2016*

*Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody, November 2014*