

# UNDERWOOD



## Christopher Wrampelmeier

Shareholder

### Profile



Christopher K. Wrampelmeier practices exclusively family law and became board certified in family law by the Texas Board of Legal Certification in 2000. Besides

litigation, he prepares premarital and marital property agreements, represents clients in collaborative law matters, and mediates family lawsuits. He frequently speaks on family law issues at the local and state levels. Chris is the vice-chair of the Family Law Council

of the Texas Family Law Section and serves on the Section's Legislative Committee and

Family Law Practice Manual Committee. In 2019, the Section awarded him the Dan Price Award for a person who had a significant impact on the Family Law Section for the

past year. In 2021, he received the Chair's Award in appreciation for his timeless service and dedication to the Family Law Council. He is also active in the Texas Family Law Foundation and has headed its Bill Review Committee since 2007. In 2017, the Foundation gave Chris its Alison Unger Award for Leadership During a Legislative Session.

Mr. Wrampelmeier was born in Amman, Jordan into a State Department family. He lived in Saudi Arabia and Zambia, in addition to Washington, DC. His high school years were at Groton School, a boarding school in Groton, Massachusetts. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Near Eastern Studies from Princeton University. Upon graduation, he served four years on active duty as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, mostly in West Germany. Chris received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law in 1993 and began his practice with the Underwood Law Firm that fall.

Chris is the Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas. He is the chair of the City of Amarillo's Animal Management & Welfare Advisory Board, a board member and former president of the Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society, and the counselor for the Downtown Women's Center. He and his wife, Hortencia, have three children.

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## Practice Areas

- Family
- Guardian ad litem, Attorney ad litem, and Amicus Attorney Services
- Mediator Services
- Appeals
- Change of Name Suits
- Child Custody, Visitation, and Child Support Issues
- Interstate Family Law Disputes
- Enforcement of Orders

## Bar/Court Admissions

- [State Bar of Texas](#), 1993

## Education

- [University of Texas School of Law](#)
  - J.D., 1993, with honors
- [Princeton University](#)
  - B.A. in Near Eastern Studies, 1986, with honors

## Affiliations

- [Texas State Bar Family Law Section](#) - Family Law Council 2005-2010, 2016- present; Legislative Committee 2000-present; Family Law Practice Manual Committee 1995-2006, 2016-present
- Texas Family Law Foundation - Bill Review Committee Chair
- [Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists](#)
- [The Collaborative Law Institute of Texas](#)
- Selected as a “[Texas Super Lawyer](#)” 2016 - 2021
- [Panhandle Family Law Association](#), Past President (twice)
- Amarillo-Panhandle Humane Society - Board Member and Past President
- Downtown Women's Center, Counselor
- Panhandle Family Law Association Leadership Award, 2009
- Mediation: 40-hour mediation training course at the University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution, 2008
- Collaborative Law: CLI-TX Basic Training – Texas Tech School of Law, 2007
- The Episcopal Diocese of North West Texas- Archdeacon
- Co-Course Director, Advanced Family Law Course, 2020
- Faculty Member, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual TAFLS Trial Institute, Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists, 2021

## Military Service

- First Lieutenant, Air Defense Artillery, United States Army, 1986-1990
- Captain, Individual Ready Reserve, United States Army, 1990-2001

## Publications

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- Author, You Presume Too Much: Overcoming Fit Parent, Visitation, and Child Support Presumptions, Advanced Trial Skills for Family Lawyers, 2020
- Author, Securing Property at Point Blank, Marriage Dissolution Institute, 2021
- Twelve Underwood Lawyers Recently Recognized as 2023 Texas Super Lawyers
- Underwood Lawyers Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America, 2024 Edition
- The Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists Presented Underwood Shareholder Chris Wrampelmeier with the Sam Emison Award
- Chris Wrampelmeier Presents at the 36th Annual School Law Section Retreat
- Chris Wrampelmeier Made a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML)
- Chris Wrampelmeier Received the Joseph W. McKnight Best Family Law CLE Article Award from the Family Law Section of the State Bar
- Chris Wrampelmeier Presented his Paper "Securing Property at Point Blank" at the 43rd Annual Marriage Dissolution Institute
- Chris Wrampelmeier Presents "You Presume Too Much: Overcoming Fit Parent, Visitation, and Child Support Presumptions" at the State Bar of Texas Continuing Legal Education Seminar

