

# DAVID ALLEN SPROTT, J.D.

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Sprott Law Firm, PC • Abilene, TX**

**Dec 2015 – Present**

Founder and shareholder with practice focused on estate planning, probate, business law, and elder law

Set up business entities: LLCs, s-corporations, and exempt organizations.

Represented clients in contested guardianship matters including beneficiary designations, removal of guardians, and disputes with creditors and financial institutions.

Assisted clients in qualifying and applying for nursing home Medicaid assistance.

Represented business clients in contract drafting and contract litigation.

Represented clients in real estate matters related to their business, probate, or estate planning matters.

### **Bradbury & Nix • Abilene, TX**

**Nov 2012 – Nov 2015**

Associate with practice focused on estate planning, probate, elder law, and business law

Represented private professional guardian in numerous guardianship matters and assisted in resolving tax matters with the guardian's wards.

Set up business entities: LLCs, s-corporations, and exempt organizations.

Represented clients in contested guardianship matters including beneficiary designations, removal of guardians, and disputes with creditors and financial institutions.

Assisted clients in qualifying and applying for nursing home Medicaid assistance.

Represented business clients in contract drafting and contract litigation.

### **Linzy & Thigpen • Temple, TX**

**Oct 2007 – Oct 2012**

Associate with practice focused on estate planning, probate, and federal tax.

Served as counsel for multimillion dollar probate estates.

Prepared Federal Form 706 for estate tax.

Prepared wills for small estates and large, potentially taxable, estates.

Set up business entities: LLCs, limited partnerships, corporations, and exempt organizations.

Prepared tax returns for individuals, fiduciaries, partnerships, corporations, and exempt organizations.

Represented clients before the IRS. in audits and collections.

### **Michael Miller & Associates, PC • Belton, TX**

**Sept 2004 – Oct 2007**

Associate with general practice focused on family, criminal, wills, probate, and business entities.

Practice also included contracts, civil litigation, and real estate.

Represented indigent criminal defendants.

Appeared at community events as a firm representative.

Maintained the firm's website.

### **United States Air Force • Columbus AFB, MS**

**Summer 2003**

Intern

Researched legal issues and drafted memoranda of law involving contracts, federal sovereign immunity, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice

Reviewed government contracts.

Assisted attorneys in drafting and execution of wills for military families.

**Bell County District Attorney • Belton, TX****Summer 2002**

Intern

Researched legal issues involving evidence, procedure, and constitutional law.

Prepared a PowerPoint presentation of crime scene photos for trial.

Organized and consolidated the case file archives.

**Abilene Christian University • Abilene, TX****May 2000 – June 2001**

College of Business Administration Computer Lab Manager

Supervised lab attendants, taught computer classes &amp; maintained lab facilities.

**EDUCATION****Texas Tech University School of Law • Lubbock, TX**

Doctor of Jurisprudence conferred in 2004, with honors

Admitted to the State Bar of Texas on November 5, 2004 (State Bar No. 24046895)

Texas Tech Journal of Texas Administrative Law Managing Editor

Board of Barristers: Board Member and Competitor in Client Counseling, Negotiations, Mock Trial (quarter finalist), &amp; Moot Court (semi-finalist); Awarded Best Brief

Christian Legal Society President, *Phi Delta Phi*, Helen Hodges Educational Scholarship**Abilene Christian University • Abilene, TX**

Bachelor of Business Administration conferred in 2000, with highest honors

College of Business Academic Excellence Award (Top 10%), Dean's List, *Alpha Chi* Honor Society

College of Business Representative to the Student Congress, Business Administration Council Member

Center for Building Community: Member of the LYNAY Group

(LYNAY is an acronym for Love Your Neighbor As Yourself)

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Jurisdictional Conflicts Between the Federal Bankruptcy Courts and State Agencies, 4 Tex. Tech J. Tex. Admin. L. 281 (2003)

*Wills Versus Trusts*, Belton Church of Christ Senior Adult Ministry (Aug 10, 2010)*What Every Family Law Attorney Should Know About Tax*, Bell County Bar Association Fall Bench Bar Conference (Sept 16, 2010)

Law Talk With Ed Laughlin: Tax Day (What's New for the 2011 Tax Season) (KTEM 1400 radio broadcast, Mar 12, 2011)

*Wills Versus Trusts*, Lunch and Learn for Melinda Bulls' Investment Clients (Mar 8, 2012)**AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

Texas State Bar College 2008 – 2015

**COMMUNITY**

Abilene Bar Association: Member

Abilene Young Professionals: Member

University Church of Christ: Sunday School Teacher, Worship Leader, and Finance Committee Chairman

Bell County Young Lawyers Association: Director 2005 &amp; 2007, Secretary 2006

Belton Lions Club: Secretary 2007 – 2012

Belton Christian Youth Center: Director 2005 – 2011, Vice President 2010

Belton Area Chamber of Commerce: Director 2007

**INTERESTS**

Composing and arranging choral music, as well as singing in choral groups

Woodworking