

**Don D. Ford III**  
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In 2010, Mr. Ford achieved the highest distinction available to an attorney practicing in the area of Estate Planning and Probate in Texas. He is Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

In 2009, Mr. Ford completed the required coursework to become certified to serve as a mediator in probate and guardianship cases, as very few mediators in Texas specialize in these areas. In pursuit of this distinction, Mr. Ford attended the world-renowned Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution at the Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California.

In 2006, Mr. Ford was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas to serve on the Guardianship Certification Board, which is a 15-member board that creates policy and oversees the regulation of private professional guardians in the State of Texas. At the inaugural meeting of the GCB, Mr. Ford was elected as the Chair of the Rules Committee, where he has served with distinction since that time.

Following law school, he began his career as a Tax Attorney for a large international accounting and consulting firm, where he assisted clients primarily in the areas of Estate and Gift Tax and Personal Income Tax.

The combination of his tax-related degrees and his experience working as a Tax Attorney have given Mr. Ford a strong background in the areas of Estate Planning and Probate, and he has focused his attention and expertise in these areas ever since.

Mr. Ford devotes his knowledge and experience to maintaining the reputation of Ford + Bergner as a leading estate planning and probate firm in Texas.

**Admissions:**

State Bar of Texas  
Guardianship Certification Board  
Judicial Branch Certification Commission  
Houston Bar Association

- The Houston Lawyer, Editorial Board
- Houston Lawyer Referral Service

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