

Tarlton Law Library Publishes Oral History Interview with Clinical Director Cynthia Bryant

AUSTIN, TEXAS (July 31, 2015) –The Tarlton Law Library at The University of Texas School of Law recently published the oral history interview of retired clinical director Cynthia Bryant.

A Conversation with Cynthia Bryant. 2015. Tarlton Law Library Oral History Collection. 25 pages. \$20.
Interview by Megan M. Blair.

Cynthia Bryant is a respected authority on the legal rights of children. Her work at the University of Texas Law School and in state government had a significant impact on the direction of clinical legal education at the School and the development of Texas' children's law. In 1980, after working as a supervising attorney in the School's Juvenile Justice Clinic, she founded UT Law School's Children's Rights Clinic with Professor Jack Sampson; shortly thereafter she was named Director of Field Operations and Field Litigation for the Texas Attorney General's Child Support Division. Professor Bryant returned to UT and the Children's Rights clinic in 1991, serving as Supervising Attorney until 2003. From 2004 until her retirement in 2014 she was Clinical Professor and Director of the Mediation Clinic. She also was Texas' Deputy Attorney General for Child Support and Director of the Child Support Division from 2001-2004.



Cynthia Bryant

Professor Bryant has contributed to the development of the laws respecting children in many ways in addition to her service in the Attorney General's office. She was a member of the Texas Supreme Court's Task Force on Foster Care and the Court's Task Force on Child Protection Case Management and Reporting. She served on the Board of Directors of the National Child Support Enforcement Association. In recognition of her many contributions, she was honored with the Forshey Award from the State Bar of Texas' Child Abuse and Neglect Committee, the Texas CASA's Children's Award, the Commissioner's Award from the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, and the Regional Administrator's Leadership Award from the federal Administration for Children and Families. Scores of UT law students have benefitted from her extensive knowledge and participation in high-level initiatives regarding children's rights in the legal system.

Professor Bryant earned her B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law. In this oral history, Professor Bryant discusses the Children's Rights Clinic and Mediation Clinic at the University of Texas School of Law.

This interview continues Tarlton's mission to document the history of the School of Law and the legal history of Texas and the United States. The project began in 1986 when a grant from the Texas Sesquicentennial Commission funded five oral history interviews. Since that time, more than fifteen interviews have been published with School of Law faculty and alumni.

For a complete listing of oral histories in the Tarlton Law Library Oral History Collection, see:

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