

# CODY M. PYKE, MD, JD, LLM, FCLM

## BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

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State Bar of Texas

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas

## EDUCATION

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**Baylor College of Medicine** | Houston, TX

*Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Specialized Tracks (3)—Medical Ethics; Health Policy; Genetics & Genomics* May 2022

Honors: McGovern Academic Scholarship for Medical Students, 2016-2018

Activities: Baylor College of Medicine Health Policy Student Forum, President, 2016-2017

**University of Houston Law Center (UHLC)** | Houston, TX | GPA: 3.21

*Master of Laws in Health Law (LL.M.)* May 2021

*Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.)* Dec. 2020

Honors: Order of Barristers; Scott Chase Scholar in Health Law, 2019-2020; Dean's List, Fall 2019;  
Dean's Scholarship, 2018-2020

Advocacy: SIU National Health Law Moot Court Competition, Fall 2020, Quarterfinalist  
TYLA State Moot Court Competition, Jun. 2020, Semifinalist  
Vis International Arbitration Moot | Vienna, April 2020, Competitor  
Vis (East) International Arbitration Moot | Hong Kong, Mar. 2020, Honorable Mention (Best Respondent Brief)  
Universidad Panamericana Guadalajara Vis Arbitration Pre-Moot, February 2020, 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
SIU National Health Law Moot Court Competition, Fall 2019, Semifinalist  
John Black Moot Court Competition, Spring 2019, Semifinalist  
Blakely-Butler Moot Court Competition, Fall 2018, Honorable Mention (Highest Score in a Single Round)

Activities: The Advocates at UHLC, 2018-2020, Executive Board Member & Finance Chair, 2019-2020  
If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice, 2018-2020, Executive Board Member, 2019-2020

**Clarkson University & Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai** | Schenectady, NY | GPA: 3.83

*Master of Science in Bioethics (M.S.Be.), Specialization in Bioethics Policy* Dec. 2018

Honors: Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Spring 2018

**Trinity University** | San Antonio, TX | GPA: 3.75

*Bachelor of Music in Choral Music Education (B.Mus.), magna cum laude* May 2013

*Minors in Classical Latin and Pre-Medical Studies*

Honors: Dean's List, 2011-2013; Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, May 2013

## LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Hayes Hunter PC** | Houston, TX | *Associate Attorney* Jan. 2023 - Present

- Represented clients in real estate, commercial, small business, personal injury, and other civil litigation.
- Assisted lead attorneys in all matters related to discovery, preparation for trial, mediation, and hearings.
- Drafted legal research memoranda, discovery, and court filings.
- Part-time contractor from Jan. 2023 to Mar. 2023; then full-time associate.

**Law Offices of Denise Adkison-Brown PLLC** | Houston, TX | *Attorney (Part-time Contractor)* Nov. 2022 – Mar. 2023

- Advocated for plaintiffs in personal injury, Texas DTPA, dental malpractice, and medical malpractice cases.
- Covered hearings independently and drafted numerous motions, demand letters, and memoranda.
- Delivered client-centered services, frequently interacted with clients, and conducted new client intake interviews.

**Hodges & Foty LLP** | Houston, TX | *Associate Attorney* Jun. 2022 – Oct. 2022

- Advocated for plaintiffs in medical malpractice, class action, mass tort, products liability, personal injury, wage and hour, and arbitration cases as part of a dynamic litigation team.
- Drafted numerous documents and memoranda as part of trial motion practice, discovery, and legal research.
- Assisted with administrative tasks including client intake, business operations, and management of law clerks.

**Hodges & Foty LLP** | Houston, TX | *Law Clerk* Oct. 2021 – Mar. 2022

- Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda for medical malpractice, class action, personal injury, wage and hour, and arbitration cases with a focus on plaintiff advocacy.
- Assisted attorneys with documentation, court filings, and preparation for court hearings in federal and state courts.
- Identified, vetted, and assisted with retention of expert witnesses for medical malpractice and personal injury cases.

**The Senate of Texas** | Austin, TX | *Health Legislative Fellow & Policy Analyst* Jan. 2021 – Jun. 2021

- Served as policy analyst for Texas State Senator Carol Alvarado during 2021 Texas Legislature.
- Tracked, researched, analyzed, and made recommendations to the Senator for all bills referred to the Senate Business & Commerce, Health & Human Services, and Natural Resources & Economic Development Committees.
- Staffed all bills related to healthcare as a health legislation expert.
- Researched and wrote memoranda briefing the Senator and other staff on legal and policy issues, addressing constituents' concerns.

**UHLC Health Law & Policy Institute (HLPI)** | Houston, TX | *Graduate Legal Research Assistant* Oct. 2018 – Dec. 2020

- Researched, analyzed, and wrote memoranda for the HLPI on multiple legal issues.
- Conducted institutionally funded research, including a project on interdisciplinary integrated health teams and a project on medical-legal partnership referral programs.
- Performed grant-funded research through the Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas (SBOT) focused on developing a legal and ethical issues component for a COVID-19 contact tracing module created by the University of Houston College of Medicine and the HLPI.
- Researched medical provider biases against people based on age or disability.
- Researched the interplay of federal and state statutes regarding disability discrimination in the allocation of organs to transplant candidates.

**Harris County Attorney Office (HCAO) – Hospital District** | Houston, TX | *Legal Intern* Aug. 2019 – Nov. 2019

- Researched and drafted memoranda on labor and employment cases, sovereign immunity, the Texas Administrative Procedure Act, and regulatory compliance issues affecting the Harris Health System and its affiliate institutions.
- Wrote memoranda used by staff attorneys to develop and plan trial strategies for employment discrimination cases and to coordinate compliance plans for the hospital district.

**Tahirih Justice Center – Houston** | Houston, TX | *Legal Intern* Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019

- Conducted rigorous client interviews and drafted affidavits for applications for asylum, T-visas, U-visas, visas under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status visas on immigration cases for victims of gender-based violence.
- Assisted clients with filling out U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) immigration forms and attended immigration court with supervising attorneys.
- Conducted extensive research for asylum cases, on legal issues and the sociopolitical and cultural issues of asylees' countries of origin.

**Children's Assessment Center (CAC) – Houston** | Houston, TX | *Legal Intern and Policy Analyst* May 2019 – Jun. 2019

- Performed legal research and stakeholder interviews on potential interventions to address issues in child sex trafficking.
- Independently investigated whether there were any legal means to involuntarily hold minor victims of sex trafficking temporarily to connect them with social and mental health services, with a goal of decreasing the likelihood that victims would return to their traffickers.
- Drafted potential legislative reforms that would allow such temporary involuntary holds.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS**

**University of Houston College of Medicine**, Adjunct Faculty—Legal and ethical issues in medicine, 2022-Present

**American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM)**, Fellow 2022-Present, Young Professionals Committee Chair, 2022-Present, Ethics Committee Member 2022-Present, Amicus Committee Member 2022-Present, Member 2019-Present

**National Perinatal Association (NPA)**, Board of Directors 2017-2022, Executive Board 2019-2022, Vice-President of Development 2019-2021, National Conference Chair, 2022, NPA Student Society Founder, 2016

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Pyke CM**, How Can Lawyers Understand Medicine and Science? *Representing People with Dementia: A Practical Guide for Criminal Defense Lawyers*. Elizabeth Kelley, ed. ABA Book Publishing, 2022 Nov.

**Pyke CM.** Medical Legal Ethics & Professionalism. *Understanding the Principles & Practice of Legal Oncology*. Quang T, Beriwal S & Taft M, eds. McGraw Hill. 2022 May.

**Pyke CM,** “I Answered Obediently to ‘She.’” *Experiencing Pregnancy as a Nonbinary Person in the United States*. Neonatology Today. 2021 Apr.

Fitch JL, Dieffenbaugher S, McNutt M, **Miller CC**, Wainwright DJ, Villarreal JA, Wilson CT, & Todd SR. *Are We Out of the Woods Yet? The Aftermath of Resuscitative Thoracotomy*. J Surg Res. 2020 Jan (Available online 2019 Sept 6).

**Miller CC** & Tuan E. *Black + Pregnant = Death? Racial disparities in perinatal morbidity and mortality in the United States*. Neonatology Today. 2018 Nov.

Grimbergen A, Raghuram A, Dorland JM, **Miller CC**, Correa N, & Bocchini C. *Perinatal Depression Policy Brief: Development of an Evidence-Based Perinatal Depression Strategy*. Published online in Fall 2016 through the Center for Child Health Policy and Advocacy at Texas Children’s Hospital. Houston, TX. (This brief became the basis of Texas (85R) H.B. 2466, 2017; the bill was passed and signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott the same year.)

**Miller CC** & Petroianu GA. *Alphons Mermann (1852-1908): hiccups, hygiene, and Hebammen*. J Med Biogr. 2016 Jan 12.

**Miller CC** & Petroianu GA. *Singultus foetalis and Dr. Alfons Mermann*. J Hist Neurosci. 2015 Nov 3.

## **LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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**Pyke CM** & Runyon, M. *Examining Collaborative Community and the Hierarchy of Medicine*. Episode #070 of the Your Birth Partners podcast. Virtual. Oct. 3, 2022.

**Pyke CM.** *Unprecedented: Navigating Legal and Health Issues in a Post-Dobbs World*. CLE presentation for Santa Clara County Bar Association. Virtual. Jul. 28, 2022.

**Pyke CM.** *The Medical-Legal Landscape for Transgender Texans Surrounding Doe v. Abbott*. CLE presentation at University of Houston Law Center. Virtual. Jun. 28, 2022.

**Pyke CM.** *Perinatal Care in Carceral Settings*. Plenary presentation at the annual meeting of the National Perinatal Association. Aurora, CO. May 3, 2022.

**Pyke CM.** *Queering Legal Medicine: Review of Best Practices*. Plenary presentation at the annual meeting of the American College of Legal Medicine. Online. Feb. 27, 2021.

**Pyke CM.** *The Essentialness of Gender-Affirming Surgery During COVID-19*. Plenary presentation at the annual meeting of the American College of Legal Medicine. Online. Feb. 28, 2021.

**Miller CC.** *Smoking & Intimate Partner Violence: A Red Flag for Clinicians*. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the National Perinatal Association. Loma Linda, CA. Mar. 14, 2017.

**Miller CC.** *National Perinatal Association Student Society (NPASS) – Our pioneering chapter*. Plenary presentation at the annual meeting of the National Perinatal Association. Atlanta, GA. Mar. 10, 2017.

**Miller CC** & Dhar SU. *Finding Zebras: Improvements in medical student familiarity with genetics following participation in a novel pre-clinical elective*. Poster presentation at the Taub-Alexander Research Symposium at Baylor College of Medicine. Houston, TX. March 9, 2016. This work was also presented at the Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics annual workshop. Clearwater Beach, FL. May 9, 2017.

**Miller CC** & Fox KA. *Americans view widely varied blog advice about home birth*. Poster presentation at 2017 annual meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Las Vegas, NV. Jan. 28, 2017.

**Miller CC** & Petroianu GA. *Singultus foetalis: Who was Alphons Mermann?* Poster presentation at 2015 annual meeting of the International Society for the History of the Neurosciences. Washington, D.C. Jun. 1-6, 2015.