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## EXPERIENCE

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### **Rocket Science Realty, LLC**, 2006 – present

*Broker/Owner*

Created Rocket Science Realty, a residential real estate brokerage focused on sustainability, client satisfaction, and client profitability. [www.rocketsciencerealty.com](http://www.rocketsciencerealty.com)

### **JB Goodwin, Turner Residential**, 2003 - 2005

*Agent*

Learned the ins and outs of real estate with both large and boutique brokerages. Recognized as an outstanding multi-million dollar seller.

### **Texas Access to Justice Commission/State Bar of Texas**

*Texas Lawyers Care Program Director*, 2000 - 2003

Worked with hundreds of lawyers around Texas to expand access to justice for lower income Texans; created continuing education trainings; resource development including direct solicitation and grant writing; extensive writing including correspondence, articles, annual directories and reports; expanded use of technology; creation of a student loan repayment assistance program for public interest lawyers; public presentations.

### **Legal Services Corporation of Iowa**

*Staff Attorney*, 1996 - 1999

Managed a full caseload including family law, housing, and agency benefits; presented legal education programs; created a pro bono project/recruited volunteer lawyers to handle violations of domestic abuse restraining orders.

### **City of Iowa City**

*Human Rights Investigator*, 1996

Investigated complaints of discrimination in housing, employment and services.

### **Domestic Violence Intervention Program**

*Staff*, 1993 -1996

Supervised a 40-bed domestic abuse shelter as the sole evening or weekend staff person on a part-time basis while attending law school.

## EDUCATION

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### **University of Iowa College of Law**, J.D. with distinction, May 1995

National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Woman Law Graduate Award

National Resource Center Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship

Iowa Law Foundation Merit Scholar

Equal Justice Foundation Grant Recipient

### **University of Kansas**, B.A. in Political Science with distinction, December 1991

Phi Beta Kappa

## **LICENSURE**

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Inactive Iowa law license (#14900).  
Active Texas Real Estate broker license (#514535).

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

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### **American Youthworks**, 2014 – present

Mentoring “Venture Corps” high school students interested in starting their own businesses.

### **Charitable Giving**, 2006 – present

Rocket Science Realty, LLC donates approximately 10% of proceeds to Casa Marianella, supporting newly arrived immigrants with legal help, housing, and other services.

### **Ann Richards Leadership School for Young Women**, 2010 – 2013

English and history tutoring.

### **Literacy Austin, Teacher and Boardmember**, 2003 - 2007

Teaching English as a second language to Spanish-speaking adults as well as fundraising.

### **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**, *Big Sister*, 2000 – 2007

### **City of Austin Involvement**, 1999 – present

Served on the City of Austin Community Development Commission (2003-2005), the City of Austin Off-leash Area Taskforce (2009), created vibrant neighborhood Yahoo groups (Dawson and Southwood, both in South Austin) with approximately 500 users in total, engaged in ongoing advocacy for better pedestrian and public transportation options as well as anti-gentrification zoning and improved funding.