

## *Curriculum Vitae*

*Bridget R. Brandon*

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Bridget Brandon is a consulting and testifying expert witness who has been qualified in both State and Federal court. Her specialty is in liability, valuation and fraud cases. Ms. Brandon brings experience in both the corporate and agricultural sectors to her practice and has been a lifelong passionate learner and participant in the equestrian industry. With over 30 years of experience showing in Hunter/Jumper and Dressage competitions at AA shows across the country, breeding, training and selling for the

Sporthorse market, boarding horses and enjoying Fox Hunting and trail riding. Ms. Brandon brings an understanding of the business, showing and recreational side of the equine industry.

Ms. Brandon has boarded horses on her three different farms since 1992. Horses have ranged from breeding stock, trail horses to top AA show horses. She has a full understanding of the boarding and training industry, as well as care, custody and control. Ms. Brandon has shown as an Amateur/Owner in the Hunters and High Amateur/Owner Jumpers up to 1.45 meters (4'9"). She purchased Sinners Prayer as a new import from Europe, started her in the Pre-green Hunters to being ranked #2 in the country in Conformation Hunters. Sinners Prayer was also featured in the Chronicle of the Horse and was on the cover of The Plaid Horse. In the jumpers, Bridget has owned USEF Horse of the Year CR Andiamo and Cognac Gold. She has also bred and sold very successful Dressage horses to both amateur and professional riders across the country. One of her Farms was used for lessons and training by top rated big "R" Judge and trainer Russell Frey, as well as other well respected trainers and riders.

Ms. Brandon enjoys living on her third farm that she has built from scratch and consults with others on developing and managing their farms. She can work with raw land or someone who wants to improve an existing farm. She serves as advisor to assist her client in making the best decisions on where their money will be well spent and the safety of the horse and rider. She will also help find reputable vendors. Too often she has seen farm owners make money because they just do not know, such as install a 12 foot entrance gate not realizing you need at least a 14 foot entrance for a firetruck or hay suppliers. You also need to make sure your barn is built facing the best direction for breeze and ventilation. Not installing an item now to save money may cost you thousands in manual labor over the years and resale. For example, it is best to install water lines throughout a barn and to the stalls at the beginning of a build vs. having your labor carry buckets of water to the horses over the years.

She is often called upon to serve as a “Buyers Advocate” when someone is buying a horse and will assist them through every step of the buying process. As a Buyers Advocate, she has prevented buyers from making an uneducated or naive purchase and has saved them thousands of dollars. As a buyers advocate, she first gets to know the individual as a person and what their goal is in horse ownership. With no emotional interest in the purchase, she can assist her client in looking objectively at what can quickly become a very subjective purchase. She assists buyers from paying overmarket, buying a lame horse, getting out of a deal they were being pressured into doing, assisting in the negotiating, making sure appropriate Bill of Sales and Pre-purchase Exams are completed, helping clients perform a business transaction with a trainer turned friend, recognizing what loose terminology means, asking the tough questions and so much more that really should be considered a business transaction and often is not. She is not a broker, but works with the client who works alongside her broker. But she also works with clients who chose to buy horses on their own. Either way, her goal is to help the buyer stay out of trouble and purchase an authentic, fairly priced and wonderful equine partner.

She is an experienced breeder of German Oldenburg warmbloods, breeding top jumping and dressage horses she sells to professional and amateur competitors across the US. She currently boards retired show horses and breeding stock and manages the breeding of imported Holsteiner stallion TriStarr (Crypso) and stands her American Quarter Horse Stallion Skips Gold Bar, Jr. who is also her trail horse and fox hunting partner.

Ms. Brandon is very involved in trail riding and is a member of Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trail Riding Association (LRRETA), Pilot Point’s Sherriff’s Posse, and Equine Trail Sports South. She is also involved in Brazos Valley Fox Hunting Club and has volunteered at various times for Victory Therapy riding and Equest. She is a judge for the North Texas H/J Club and was a former Board Member. Ms. Brandon also served on Internationally renowned and USEF Horseman of the Year, Tom McCutcheon, Advisory Board from 2009-2012. With Tom McCutcheon, Bridget developed and launched Tom McCutcheon’s VirtualHorseHelp.com, an online training site and inside look at top Performance Horse professionals. Tom is a world renowned Reiner and 2011 USEF Horseman of the Year and World Equestrian Game Team and Individual Gold Winner 2010.

#### **LICENSES AND EDUCATION:**

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Southern Methodist University – BFA 1984

American Society of Equine Appraisers – Senior Appraiser 2001

ASA – Applicant, Member American Society of Appraisers 2020

Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisers – USPAP Tested & Compliant 2010 & 2020

Property and Casualty Insurance License – Marshall Sterling Field Agent, Equine Insurance 2010

USEF Judges Clinics

USEF Stewards Clinics

University of Kentucky Conference on Equine Law 2011 - 2019

**AREA OF EXPERTISE:** 

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Accident Analysis and Reconstruction	Safety Procedures and Protocol
Equine Liability Cases	Boarding and Rental Stables
Equine Personal Injury Cases	Breeding and Breeding Programs
Degrees of Negligence and Accident Prevention	Show, Pleasure and Trail Horses
Equine Standards in the Industry	Specific Horse and Equipment Analysis
Stable Management	Buying and Selling Standards
Professional and Client Protocol in the Equine Industry	Fraud Analysis
Care, Custody and Control	Horse and Equipment Appraisals
Riding Instruction (Professional and Student)	Trail Riding Accidents
Riding Camp Standards and Protocol	Valuations of International Level Show Horses
Trail Riding and Rental Horses	Valuations of Deceased Horses
Therapeutic Riding Programs	Veterinarian Medical Mal-Practice
Horse Accidents	Fox Hunting Accidents and Protocol
Horse Training	Equine Business and Breeding Standards and Protocol
Equine Behavior and Analysis	IRS Valuations
Valuation up to Olympic Level Horses	Valuations of Rare Equine Species

**MEMBERSHIPS:** 

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United States Equestrian Federation  
United States Hunter Jumper Association  
Certified Horsemanship Association  
Senior Appraiser, American Society of Equine Appraisers , Lifetime Member  
Candidate, American Society of Appraisers  
United States Dressage Federation  
United States Eventing Association  
American Quarter Horse Association  
Texas Hunter Jumper Club  
German Oldenburg Verband  
Volunteer Victory Riding Therapy Center  
Lake Ray Roberts Equestrian Trails Association (LRRETA)  
North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) & Pilot Point Sherriff's Posse  
Equine Trail Sports  
Brazo Valley Fox Hunting Club

**OTHER EQUINE ACTIVITIES:** 

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Camp Greystone, NC former riding instructor 1981  
North Texas Hunter Jumper Club – Judge 2008 - Present  
Tom McCutcheon Reining Horses Advisory Committee – 2009 – 2012  
Developed, Launched and Managed – Tom McCutcheon's VirtualHorseHelp.com 2009 - 2012  
North Texas Hunter Jumper Club – Past Member Board of Directors - 1990's

**PUBLICATIONS:**

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Ms. Brandon or her horses have been featured in the following publications:

Chronicle of Horse: Vol. LXX, NO. 3, page 20, Sinners Prayer

The Plaid Horse: Cover April 2006, Vol 3 Issue II, also page 36, Sinners Prayer

Lone Star Horse Report Vol. 25, Number 5, May 2007 Cover, Journey, foal bred by Ms. Brandon

Lone Star Horse Report Vol. 26, Number 6, June 2008, page 14, Interview of Ms. Brandon

Cover Texas Hoofbeat, April 2005, Kiss This, foal bred by Ms. Brandon

ValueMyHorse Blogs located on ValueMyHorse website and YouTube

The Equine Expert Facebook Page

LinkedIn Publications

**QUALIFIED STATE AND FEDERAL COURT:**

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1 Bench Trial

1 Jury Trial

1 Mediation

1 Hearing

9 Depositions

46 Cases

Currently 50% Defendant/50% Plaintiff

Practice includes both Consulting and Testifying