



Bridget R. Brandon
Curriculum Vitae
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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 as well as breeding and selling for the Sporthorse market, Ms. Brandon brings both an understanding of the business side of horses as well as the recreational side.

Mrs. Brandon has boarded horses on her three different farms starting in 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. Mrs. Brandon has shown as an Amateur/Owner in the Hunters and High Adult Jumpers up to 1.45 meters (4'9"). She has also produced and shown very successful Dressage horses. 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 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 many buyers from making an uneducated purchase and has saved them thousands of dollars. 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 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 Tom McCutcheon's Advisory Board from 2009-2012 and with Tom developed and launched Tom McCutcheon's VirtualHorseHelp.com. 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:

Southern Methodist University – BFA 1984
American Society of Equine Appraisers – Senior Appraiser 2001
ASA – 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:

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

United States Equestrian Federation
United States Hunter Jumper Association
American Society of Equine Appraisers – Senior Appraiser
American Society of Appraisers – USPAP Compliant
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:

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:

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 in ValueMyHorse website and YouTube

QUALIFIED STATE AND FEDERAL COURT:

As of June 2020

1 Bench Trial

1 Jury Trial

1 Mediation

8 Depositions

42 Cases

50% Defendant/50% Plaintiff

Practice includes both Consulting and Testifying

EXAMPLE OF CASES:

- Expert for the defense who evaluated a quarter horse’s behavior and performed an accident reconstruction and equipment analysis due to the horse rearing up and falling over backwards on the rider causing injury.
- Expert for the defense on medical mal-practice case concerning behavior of breeding stock, value of deceased stallion and loss of income from stud fees and offspring.
- Expert for the plaintiff involving a fraudulent case on the value of a horse purchase that was delivered and ended up not being the horse purchased. Expert was able to prove the horse was not horse purchased due to microchip not matching passport.
- Expert for the plaintiff involving a trail riding accident where the saddle slipped sideways and the rider fell off causing injury. Opined on trail riding safety, protocol, equipment analysis and stable management.