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Janet Riola Hale teaches Business Law and International Business Law at Texas State University, at the Duale Hochschule Baden-Württemberg (DHBW) in Mosbach & Heilbronn, Germany, and at Jiao Tong University in Xi'an, China. Dr. Hale earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in philosophy with honors from the University of Arkansas where she was co-captain of the nationally ranked Division I swim team. She earned a Masters of Arts degree from Baylor University specializing in classical aesthetics and completed her Doctors of Jurisprudence at St. Mary's School of Law.



In 2011, Hale earned the Mariel M. Muir Award for Mentoring, and in 2006 was named the recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service. Her research and service at Texas State centers on sustainability. Dr. Hale sponsors the award-winning #1 international chapter of Net Impact; this semester the students' focus is on conducting energy auditing on campus and in the community, including businesses and residences, in a bold San Marcos city-wide initiative.

Married to Chris A. Hale, a practicing attorney and rancher, they have four sons. Will is an Assistant District Attorney in Texas. Pat is a pilot—missionary with projects—businesses around the globe. Mike, a member of a nationally ranked equestrian team, earned his MBA in Santiago, Chile at the #1 university in Latin America, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez. Jack, United States Naval Academy graduate and USN Ensign selected for pilot training, will be heading to medical school.

Dr. Hale's interests include flying as a private pilot, jumping horses, playing the accordion and taking an occasional leap from the trapeze rig as an amateur flyer. The Riolo family of origin is from Piana degli Albanesi, Sicily; Dr. Hale is a dual citizen.



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