

Charles W. Spencer is the 2013 Recipient of Distinguished Real Estate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award.

Charles was born and raised in the small West Texas Town of Morton, about sixty miles west of Lubbock, just inside the New Mexico border. He graduated from the University of Texas as an undergraduate in 1960 and received his L.L.B. from UT in 1964.

After law school, Charles joined the firm that eventually became Geary, Stahl & Spencer, where he practiced real estate law until 1991. Since then, he has practiced solo.

In 1983, Charles became one of the first Texas lawyers to be board certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Commercial Real Estate Law. He served as Chairman for the preparation of the commercial real estate examination from 1991 to 1997 and was a member of the committee until 2003. For about a decade, Charles wrote and graded the commercial real estate specialization exam.

Charles was one of the pioneers of Continuing Legal Education in Texas. Charles has been everything a person can be in many courses and seminars. He's been a course chair, planning committee member, and faculty member at the Advanced Real Estate Law Course, the Advanced Real Estate Transactions Course, Advanced Real Estate Drafting Course, SMU Real Estate and Leasing Seminars, the UT Mortgage Lending Institute, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, and the University of Houston School of Law. He has presented papers at over forty institutes. His presentations have always been extremely well researched, very informative, and always presented with Charlie's wonderful humor and wit. Clearly, Charles is one of the leading reasons that Texas excels in continuing legal education for real estate practitioners.

It is with great honor that the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas bestows upon Charles Spencer the 2013 Distinguished Real Estate Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award.