

2009 Distinguished Probate Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award
THOMAS FEATHERSTON

The Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section of the State Bar of Texas each year awards its Distinguished Probate Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes a distinguished Texas probate lawyer who has made significant and sustained contributions to the Texas probate, estate and trust law bar throughout their careers.

Thomas M. Featherston, Jr. is this year's recipient. Professor Featherston holds the Mills Cox Chair at Baylor Law School. He joined the faculty in 1982. He graduated from Baylor University with a B.B.A. in 1971 and from Baylor Law School in 1972. He was in private practice in Houston from 1972 until his 1982 return to Baylor.

He has been Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization since 1979. He was elected as an Academic Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel in 1991. He has served on the council of the Real Estate Probate and Trust Law Section. He was also its chair. He oversaw the 1993 rewrite of The Texas Guardianship Code. He also chaired the Codification of the Texas Probate Code.

He has lectured at the Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course every year since 1984. He is the editor of the ABA's "property and probate."