

## **Jimmy Brill**

Jimmy Brill is the recipient of the 2006 Texas Probate and Trust Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Brill is a 1957 University of Texas Law School graduate and a solo practitioner from Houston whose practice emphasizes probate, estate planning, and real estate. The College of the State Bar presented him with its 1999 Professionalism Award and in 2000 recognized his article “Dealing With The Death Of A Solo Practitioner” as that year’s best article from a State Bar course.

He currently serves as principal author and project director of the Texas Probate System first published by the State Bar in 1972 and updated five times since then and he previously chaired the State Bar CLE and PEER Committees. Mr. Brill received the Distinguished Service Award for 2000 from the Estate Planning, Probate and Trust Law Section of the Houston Bar Association. The State Bar honored him with its Presidents’ Award in 1978 as the outstanding lawyer in Texas, with the Gene Cavin Award for Excellence in Continuing Legal Education in 1994, and with a Presidential Citation in 2005 for chairing the State Bar Task Force on Starting Practice.

He chaired the Law Practice Management Section of the American Bar Association and in 2004 was honored by that Section with its Samuel S. Smith Award for Excellence in Law Practice Management. He was inducted into the first class and elected as an initial trustee of the College of Law Practice Management and served as its treasurer. For two and one-half years, Brill wrote a monthly column for solo practitioners in the ABA Journal. He received The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the American Bar Association Donald C. Rikli Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000.