John S. Hollyfield



John S. Hollyfield has received the Texas Real Estate Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award for 2005. He joins his rightful place on a short list of excellent lawyers who have been previously recognized for their services to the profession and to real estate law in Texas.

John received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas and then served four years in the United States Navy. He returned to law school at the University of Texas where he graduated Order of the Coif. He then joined the Houston firm of Fulbright & Jaworski and began a truly distinguished career as a real estate lawyer. He has been active in the State Bar of Texas and the American Bar Association where he has served as chair of the Real Property Probate and Trust Law Section and is a Member of the House of Delegates. He is a founding member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and served as its President from 1990-1991. He is a member of the Anglo-American Real Property Institute, the Houston Real Estate Lawyer's Council, the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation. Among many professional honors, he has been named as a "Texas Super Lawyer", listed as a U.S. top attorney in the real estate practice field by Chambers, U.S.A., and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America, Who's Who in American Law and Who's Who Legal. In 1986, he received the President's Award for service to the Houston Bar Association.

In addition to great service to the organized Bar, John has been unstinting in his efforts to share his knowledge and experience with other lawyers. He has spoken at institutes and seminars sponsored by the State Bar of Texas, the University of Texas Law School College of Law, the University of Houston Law Center, Southern Methodist University School of Law, the Southwestern Legal Foundation, the Houston Bar Association, the New York Law Journal, the American Real Property Institute, CLE International, the American Bar Association and ALI-ABA. He has also published a number of articles covering topics such as landlord services, net leasing, real estate management agreements and environmental indemnity agreements.

John is truly an outstanding lawyer and human being and the State Bar is better for his having been a member and active participant in bar activities. He has been a mentor to many younger lawyers and a source of guidance for his colleagues throughout his career.

The Real Estate Probate and Trust Law Council of the State Bar of Texas is genuinely pleased to recognize John for his lifelong achievement to the real estate bar of the State of Texas.

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