

Wm. Terry Bray



Wm. Terry Bray has been awarded the Texas Real Estate Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award for 2004. With this Award, Terry rightfully joins a short list of the lawyers who have been recognized for their many contributions to the profession of real estate lawyering in Texas.

Terry is a native Texan. He went north for his undergraduate degree at M.I.T. but returned to his roots to get his law degree at the University of Texas in 1965. There he achieved many academic honors including election to the Chancellors. He has served the real estate Bar on the local, state and national levels. He has been Chair of the Real Estate Section of the Travis County Bar and President and Board member of the Travis County Bar. He was a valuable member of the Council of the State Bar's Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section for many years and served as its Chair 1996-1997. He is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and has served that organization as Secretary, Board member and Executive Committee Member. He is the founder and initial Chair of the Texas College of Real Estate Lawyers and still serves as our corrective conscience if we fail in our mission.

Terry has been generous with his time spent in the education of real estate lawyers. He has spoken many times on topics of land use regulation, takings and inverse condemnation, environmental law as it relates to real estate transactions, lending law topics and, most recently, water law and water rights issues. He has regularly spotted areas of developing or future legal concern and educated us on those topics so we may better anticipate and serve the needs of our clients. He has been Chair or Course Director of the Advanced Real Estate Law Course, the Mortgage Lending Institute and other seminars.

But many of us are most grateful for Terry's willingness to be a mentor and guide to younger lawyers. By example and by direct acts, Terry has assisted and inspired many younger lawyers to follow in his footsteps of excellence in practice, service to the Bar

and instructor in legal education. His mentoring has not been limited to his own firm, but has extended well beyond.

Terry has been and continues to be one of our most valued leaders and is a worthy recipient of the Distinguished Texas Real Estate Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award.

Brian Rider
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