



**DISTINGUISHED TEXAS PROBATE LAWYER
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

PRESENTED TO CHARLES A. SAUNDERS

Charles A. Saunders, retired partner with Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P. of Houston, received the first ever Distinguished Probate Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award from the Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law Section at the Advanced Estate Planning and Probate Course in June, 2001. The Section invited nominations through the *Texas Bar Journal*. From among the nominees, a screening committee composed of Board Certified Estate Planning and Probate Lawyers unanimously selected Mr. Saunders. Section Chair Jerry Jones presented the award.

A member of the Houston Bar Association, American Bar Association, and American Judicature Society, Mr. Saunders is also named in *Who's Who in America and The Best Lawyers in America*. He has held numerous leadership positions in many State Bar Associations, and has served as President of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. A member of the Texas Academy of Probate and Trust Lawyers and the International Academy of Estate and Trust Law, Mr. Saunders is also a sustaining life fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation, Texas Bar Foundation, American Bar Foundation, and a sustaining life member of the University of Houston Alumni Organization, the University of Texas Ex-Student Association, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. He is also a recipient of the Leon Jaworski award of the Houston Bar Association Auxiliary and the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Community Service of the University of Texas School of Law.

He edited *How to Live—and Die—With Texas Probate*, now in its seventh edition. This book has been revised for publication and distribution in eight other states. Mr. Saunders was also the editor of *Texas Estate Administration*, a publication of the State Bar of Texas, and authored legislation relating to the Texas Probate Code. Mr. Saunders received his B.A. degree from the University of Houston in 1945 and his law degree the same year from the University of Texas. Mr. Saunders and his wife created the Charles and Betti Saunders Foundation in 1993, serving religious, charitable, educational, scientific, and literary purposes. He is also a construction volunteer for Fulbright & Jaworski's Habitat for Humanity crew and recently joined the cleanup team in the Lawyers Against Waste Main Street cleanup project. The Section congratulates Mr. Saunders on his lifetime of achievement on behalf of all Texas probate and estate planners.