



## DISTINGUISHED TEXAS REAL ESTATE LAWYER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PRESENTED TO ROBERT H. BLISS

Robert Harms Bliss is the recipient of the 2009 Texas Real Estate Lawyer Lifetime Achievement Award. Bob is a superb addition to this list of excellent lawyers, recognized for their services to the profession and real estate law in the State of Texas.

Bob received his undergraduate degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder and his law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He then moved to Dallas and began a distinguished career as a real estate lawyer, establishing outstanding transactional and litigation practices in the area. He has been active in the Dallas Bar Association where he served as president of the Real Property Section, and in the State Bar of Texas where he served as chair of the Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Section and as a member of the Real Estate Forms Committee. Bob is also a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, the Association of Attorney-Mediators, where he served as president of the North Texas Chapter, the National Arbitration Forum, and the Academy of Court-Appointed Masters. Throughout his distinguished career he has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Teaching Quizmaster Award at the University of Texas, listing as a Texas Monthly Super Lawyer, and listing as a Texas Lawyer Top Notch Real Estate Lawyer. He has also served as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Dallas Bar Foundation. He is Board Certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

In addition, it would be hard to find someone who has given more extensively of himself to advance the profession by participating in continuing legal education and related activities. Bob has spoken at institutes sponsored by the University of Texas (Mortgage Lending Institute and Leasing Institute), the State Bar of Texas, Southern Methodist University, and the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, among others.

Bob has also given of himself extensively to the community at large. Among other organizations, Bob has served on the Governor's Task Force on Immigration, the Texas Real Estate Commission, the Texas Real

Estate Research Advisory Board of Texas A&M University, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Association Board of Governors, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra Guild Board of Directors, and the Board of Visitors of McDonald Observatory, University of Texas.

Bob is an outstanding lawyer and has, during his career, combined the ability to be an exceptional transactional lawyer as well as an outstanding trial lawyer, often a rare combination in the modern age of specialization. Bob is truly an inspiration to all of us in the practice of law in the state of Texas.

The Real Estate, Probate & Trust Law Council of the State Bar of Texas is proud to recognize Bob for his lifelong achievements as a real estate lawyer and his services to the Real Estate Bar of the State of Texas.