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Profile

Diane Dillard is a Board Certified Commercial Real Estate Attorney who practiced law in Houston, Texas for 23 years prior to moving to Brownsville, Texas when her husband, Andrew Hanen, was appointed as a Federal District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Brownsville Division. Ms. Dillard has been an Adjunct Professor at South Texas College of Law (Real Estate Development and Texas Land Titles) and an Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas at Brownsville (Business Law). She frequently speaks and writes on real estate law topics for the State Bar of Texas, various Texas law schools, the American Bar Association, and the American College of Real Estate Attorneys.

Experience

The Dillard Law Firm — 1998 - Present

Ms. Dillard practiced as a solo practitioner in Houston, and later in Brownsville. She has continued to represent clients on commercial real estate matters.

Dillard & Ray, Houston, Texas — 1987 - 1998

Founded law firm catering to clients in the real estate industry. Ms. Dillard's clients included national, regional and local developers who followed her to the new firm. She was involved with the purchase, leasing, and sale of real property from raw land to high-rise office buildings. She also represented new clients, including developers of condominium high rises, regional malls, apartment complexes, office buildings, apartment buildings, and retail centers. (The law firm name changed over the years to include new partners, with its last variation being Dillard, LeBarron & Brasier.)

Vinson & Elkins, Houston, Texas — 1979 -1987

As an Associate in the Real Estate Section of Vinson & Elkins, Ms. Dillard was trained by well-recognized real estate attorneys on a variety of significant transactions. She became the lead lawyer for numerous clients and directed younger associates in connection with both projects and transactions.

Education

Baylor University School of Law - JD, Cum Laude - 1979

Baylor University - BA, Magnum Cum Laude - 1976

Memberships

American College of Real Estate Attorneys (Elected 1993)

State Bar of Texas and The Real Estate Probate Trust Law Section (Chair of this 5,000 member section in 2000 - 2001)

Baylor University Alumni Association (President 1998-1999)