HOUSTON BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL Dinner
The Houston Bar Association
Annual Dinner Meeting

Call to Order and Welcome.................................................................President Diana Gomez

Invocation..........................................................................................Brent Benoit

Recognition of Special Guests.........................................................President Gomez

Recognition of 2024 Emeritus Members.........................................President Gomez

Recognition of 2023-2024 HBA Board of Directors.......................President Gomez

Presentation of President's Awards.................................................President Gomez

Presentation of Justice Eugene A. Cook Professionalism Award and Justice Ruby Kless Sondock Award........................................President Gomez

Remarks.........................................................................................President Gomez

Presentation of Gavel to President David Harrell..............................President Gomez

Presentation of Plaque to Past President Gomez..............................President Harrell

Remarks and Recognition of 2024-2025 HBA Board of Directors....President Harrell

Adjournment.....................................................................................President Harrell
President Gomez with the HBA Gender Fairness Committee partnered with the Harris County District Courts, led by Judge Latosha Lewis Payne, Judge Ravi K. Sandill, Judge Michael Gomez, and Judge Cheryl Elliott Thornton, as well as the Harris County Commissioners Court, led by Commissioner Lesley Briones, the Administrative Office of the District Courts of Harris County, and the Office of the County Engineer to install lactation pods in the Harris County Court Complex. The first lactation pod opened at the Harris County Civil Courthouse on May 8, 2024.

The HBA County Law Library Committee and President Gomez worked closely with Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones, the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library, Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee, and the Harris County Public Library system to open the first LAWPod (Legal Access Workspace) at the Harris County Katherine Tyra Branch Library in Northwest Houston on April 9, 2024. The purpose of the LAW Pod is to expand law library services beyond downtown to provide residents with legal self-help tools that will help narrow the justice gap.

The HBF’s and HBA’s 74th Annual Harvest Celebration in November raised a record breaking amount of almost $1.1 million for Houston Volunteer Lawyers to support their work in providing essential, pro bono legal services as the largest provider of pro bono legal services in Harris County.

The HBA collaborated with the federal courts to formalize HBA participation in naturalization ceremonies. President Gomez participated in five (5) naturalization ceremonies attending them with Judge Keith Ellison, Judge Andrew Hanen, Judge Dena Palermo, Judge Andrew Edison, U.S. Attorney Alamdar Hamdani, and Commissioner Lesley Briones.

The Bench Bar Conference Committee produced the first-ever multi-practice Houston Bar Association Bench Bar Conference, “Bridging the Bench & Bar: Forging Connections” on April 12, 2024, bringing together state, federal, civil, criminal, appellate, and other practice areas. This premiere event of President Gomez’s year brought members of the Bench and Bar together, fostering relationships and connections as well as discussion on significant developments in the legal profession.

The HBA hosted “Bites & Beverages for the Bar” at Hotel Zaza in Midtown Houston directly after the Bench Bar Conference. “Bites & Beverages for the Bar” successfully captured HBA President Gomez’s unique idea—to bring members of the Bar together in an informal, inviting environment with cuisine and libations from around the world to reflect Houston’s diversity.
The HBA Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee reinvigorated and formalized the HBA Ambassadors Program, with a focus on our ancillary bar associations. This year our Ambassadors include representatives from the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston (HisBA), the Mexican-American Bar Association of Houston (MABAH), the Houston Lawyers Association (HLA), the Asian American Bar Association (AABA), the South Asian Bar Association of Houston (SABA), and many others. The Ambassadors are highlighted on the HBA website.

The HBA worked to promote employment opportunities in Houston law firms for underserved high school students through Cristo Rey and Communities in Schools (CIS), resulting in an increase in law firm work-study program partners, including large, mid-size, and small law firms, such as Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Cokinos Young, Gomez Law Firm, and the Lowenberg Law Firm.

The HBA Military and Veterans Committee spearheaded engagement with veterans in Houston law schools through a new effort, the Law School Veterans Program Initiative. HBA volunteers participated in the Annual Fire Team Relay benefiting Combined Arms and the HBA/HBF/HVL Veterans Legal Initiative, provided advice and support at law student mixers, and increased the number of veteran law student liaisons on the committee.

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Pipeline Programs

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The HBA held our 39th Annual HBA Eikenburg 8K Fun Run with approximately 500 participants and raised over $96,000 — the highest sponsorship amount in the history of the event. Net proceeds from the event go to The Center for Pursuit, which provides services to individuals in Houston with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism.

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2024-2025 HBA President David Harrell’s Focus Areas

Reinforcing HBA’s unique role as a unifying organization for the Houston legal community

- Offering a one-time discount for members of specialty, affinity, and local bars to join HBA for the first time
- Reinvigorating the HBA Living History Project

Participating in the expansion of our business community

- Providing education on the new business and appellate courts slated to open in Fall 2024
- In future years, hosting an annual Business Court Institute to maintain Houston’s commercial leadership

Providing additional avenues for our members to serve their community

- Elevating Houston Volunteer Lawyers through the HBA Campaign to End Homelessness and Hunger Committee’s Food Bank event
- Expanding recognition of the Houston Lawyer Referral Service
The President’s Award is presented to the Co-Chairs of the County Law Library Committee and leaders of the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library for outstanding service in bringing the LAWPods to the Houston community.

In 2018, the vision of LAWPods was born from the idea of allowing the Law Library to have a presence—a “branch”—throughout the community and give access to those outside of the downtown area, expanding access to justice. The goal has been to provide residents with self-assistance tools that will help narrow the justice gap. HBA leaders and the HBA County Law Library Committee worked tirelessly for two years with the Law Library and Harris County Attorney’s Office to advocate for Commissioners Court to approve an increase in the filing fee for the Law Library, which would provide adequate funds to begin actualizing the LAWPod project. The library began working on the LAWPod actualization when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. In 2021-2022, after delays, and with sufficient funding and committee support, under the leadership of then-committee co-chairs Diana Gomez, Justice Sarah Beth Landau, and Maria Lowry, the project began again. Partnering with the Harris County Public Library System, Harris County Attorney Christian D. Menefee, and Harris County Commissioner Lesley Briones, the HBA County Law Library Committee and the leaders of the Harris County Robert W. Hainsworth Law Library opened the first LAWPod at the Kathrine Tyra Branch Library on April 9, 2024. Five more pods will be placed within our community, increasing access to justice.
President’s Award
OUTSTANDING SERVICE

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

BAILEY BRIDGES, BAKERHOSTETLER LLP
ANTHONY FRANKLYN, U.S. ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
RAJ MAHADASS, PARANJPE MAHADASS RUEMKE LLP
SAMANTHA TORRES, OKIN ADAMS BARTLETT CURRY LLP

The President's Award is presented to the Co-Chairs of the Membership Committee for outstanding service in recommending and executing ways to recruit, retain, and engage HBA members. The committee’s initiatives this year included:

- Working closely with HBA leadership to effectively communicate the HBA's value proposition and communicating that message to current and prospective members.
- Planning and executing programs to engage HBA members, including wellness events and a networking breakfast in November.
- A well-received Membership Testimonial Campaign, led by the Social Media Subcommittee, highlighting engaged HBA members about why they value their HBA membership and encouraging others to join.
- Bringing affinity bar boards of directors into the HBA 100 Club.
- Investing in the HBA's partnerships with affinity bar associations throughout the Houston legal community.
The President’s Award
OUTSTANDING SERVICE

LIZ MALPASS, BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

The President’s Award is presented to Liz Malpass, Editor in Chief of The Houston Lawyer. In the 2023-2024 bar year, Liz led an editorial board of 25 HBA members in managing, writing, and editing six issues of the HBA’s award-winning professional magazine. Under her leadership, The Houston Lawyer’s November/December 2023 issue commemorated the magazine’s 60th anniversary.

Additionally, this year, under the leadership of HBA President Diana Gomez, the magazine featured a “Lawyers Giving Back” column to highlight other organizations that provide opportunities for lawyers to give back to Houston. Moreover, a series of “Law in the Family” profiles showcased exemplary HBA members and their families who are involved in Houston’s legal community.

Completing its third consecutive season, the magazine’s companion podcast, Behind the Lines: The Houston Lawyer Podcast, has continued to inform listeners of legal developments through conversations with Houston attorneys and judges, while offering CLE hours.
The President's Award is presented to the Co-Chairs of the Bench Bar Conference Committee for outstanding service in organizing and leading the first-ever multi-practice Bench Bar Conference, “Bridging the Bench & Bar: Forging Connections.”

The Bench Bar Conference Committee encourages cooperation between the Bench and Bar in Harris County, creates opportunity for communication, and addresses issues of mutual concern. Since 1992, the Bench Bar Conference Committee has coordinated an annual Bench Bar Conference for attorneys and judges.

The conference features both general sessions, which address issues common to all who practice in specific courts, and small group sessions, which focus on specific legal topics of interest to both the Bench and Bar. The conference is designed to bring attorneys and judges together in an informal atmosphere to identify and solve challenges faced by the Bench and Bar.

This year’s conference brought together over 400 members of the Houston legal community to engage in discussions about lawyering in the modern world, AI, civility, collegiality, and many other practice specific topics. Beyond the CLE, the social and networking aspects of the conference promote camaraderie and friendship. The overall benefits include a more effective communication among lawyers and judges in Harris County, and the promise of a system that works better for us all.
President’s Award
OUTSTANDING SERVICE

The President’s Award is presented to the Co-Chairs of the Gender Fairness Committee and Harris County leaders who championed the HBA lactation pod initiative for outstanding service in their commitment to increased lactation facilities in the Harris County Court Complex.

Through this project, the HBA sought to provide safe, private, and secure spaces to nursing mothers throughout the Harris County Court Complex. The overarching goal was to outfit each lactation pod with the necessary amenities, including comfortable seating and electrical outlets, promoting a sense of comfort and convenience, and fostering a more accommodating environment within Harris County buildings.

This initiative will make a material difference in the daily lives of many young mothers in our profession and our community. The Harris County Court Complex served approximately 2.1 million people in 2023, and the number continues to grow as we are the largest city in Texas welcoming recent court additions.

This commitment underscores the importance of women in the legal profession and provides a welcoming and safe nursing environment for litigants, judges, court staff, jurors and the millions of members of the general public served by the court complex every year.

The HBA Gender Fairness Committee spearheaded efforts to raise funds to purchase these pods. The HBA partnered with several entities, including the Administrative Office of the District Courts of Harris County, the Office of the County Engineer, and Harris County Commissioner Precinct 4. Through generous contributions from HBA membership, including a coordinated effort by current and former HBA and HYLA women presidents, as well as donations from the Houston Bar Foundation and the Texas Bar Foundation, this project will enable installation of lactation pods in the Civil Courthouse, Criminal Courthouse, Jury Assembly Room, and County Law Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the first pod, located in the Civil Courthouse, took place on May 8, 2024.
The HBA recognizes the consistent and long-time participation of Judge Kyle Carter of the 125th District Court in HBA programming and committees.

Judge Carter serves as an enthusiastic co-chair of the HBA Campaign to End Homelessness and Hunger Committee, which partners with the Houston Food Bank, local veterans' shelters, and the City of Houston, along with other local entities, to support services provided to Houston's homeless. He is also a member of The Houston Lawyer Editorial Board and has served on numerous HBA committees, including: the Bench Bar Conference Committee, the Teach Texas Committee, and the Campaign to End Homelessness & Hunger Committee. Over many years, Judge Carter has been consistently involved with the HBA in many ways outside of the committees. He is:

- An HBF Fellow
- A supporter of the Annual Harvest Celebration
- A past participant in the Bench Bar Conference
- A participant and supporter of the Annual Golf Tournament
- A supporter of the LGBTQ+ Pride float
- An annual Fun Run sponsor
President’s Award
OUTSTANDING SERVICE
to the Houston Bar Association

HON. RABEEA COLLIER
113TH DISTRICT COURT

Judge Rabeea Collier of the 113th District Court serves on the HBA Bench Bar Conference, Membership, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committees. She is also a member of the HBA Litigation Section and a Fellow of the Houston Bar Foundation.

Judge Collier has made numerous contributions to the Houston Bar Association, including:

- Leading and speaking on a panel at the most recent Bench Bar Conference, titled “When Life Unexpectedly Happens and How to Handle Your Practice Amidst It All,” where she shared personal experiences and advocated for mental health wellness among the legal community.
- Supporting the DEI 1L Summer Clerkship Program by hiring students each summer since 2020, including 2024.
- Sponsoring and supporting various HBA LGBTQ+ Committee events and initiatives.
- Organizing a community-wide, inclusive Ramadan celebration, “A Conversation with Maryum Ali in Celebration of Ramadan.”
- Creating an open door to a sense of belonging at the HBA for every attorney in Houston.
Rocio Guadalupe Mendoza is a partner in the Infrastructure and Energy practice of Paul Hastings LLP based in Houston and president of the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston.

Ms. Mendoza encouraged all members of the HisBA Board of Directors to become members of the Houston Bar Association and participate in HBA events.

Under her leadership, the HisBA Board of Directors became the first affinity bar association board to join the HBA 100 Club, setting an example for other local bar associations to support the HBA’s representation of the rich diversity of the Houston legal community.

In addition, HisBA members participated in numerous HBA committees, sections, and CLEs. This year, HisBA also partnered with the HBA in:

- Sponsoring the annual Fun Run
- Participating in the annual Law Day Contest
- Participating in the annual HBAA chili cook off
- Supporting the Annual Harvest Celebration, benefiting Houston Volunteer Lawyers
- Supporting the HBA Annual Dinner
- Participating in Consejos Legales to provide free, anonymous telephone legal advice service to Spanish-speaking community in conjunction with members from the Mexican American Bar Association of Houston, and the HBA.
The President's Award is presented to the Energy Law Section. During the 2023-2024 bar year, the Energy Law Section has significantly supported and engaged with the Houston Bar Association and Houston Bar Foundation through various initiatives. These include annual contributions to the Harvest Celebration, active promotion of HBA and HBF events on social media, and scholarships for outstanding students in oil and gas law at Houston-area law schools.

The section's commitment to accessibility is demonstrated through offering events at lower or no cost to law students and providing valuable member benefits, such as lunch and learn events, networking opportunities, and social gatherings.

Furthermore, the Energy Law Section prioritizes educational programming and collaboration within the energy industry. They assemble an advisory council to develop timely and relevant legal education, co-host events with industry organizations, such as the West Houston Association of Professional Landmen and the Houston Producer's Forum, and maintain a webpage hosting presentation materials from past events.

Through innovative subscription models, the section extends its reach to law firms, corporations, and individuals, offering enhanced opportunities for engagement and professional growth within the energy law community.
President’s Award
OUTSTANDING SERVICE
Family Law Section

CHAIRED BY
TASHA WILSON, SMITH, WILSON & DENNIS, PC

The President's Award is presented to the Family Law Section. The Family Law Section actively supported and engaged with the HBA and HBF, offering valuable member benefits and growth opportunities. This included organizing monthly live CLEs online with esteemed speakers, preparing monthly interesting cases led by Sallee Smyth, hosting bimonthly happy hours, and orchestrating an annual holiday party in collaboration with Gulf Coast Legal Specialists and the Burta Rhoads Family Law Inns of Court.

Additionally, a fall CLE event was successfully conducted at South Texas College of Law Houston.

The Family Law Section equips Family Law practitioners with essential documents, including court charts, court policies and procedures, and specialized resources. Its council convenes monthly with district family court judges, fostering a strong relationship for the benefit of the entire bar. The Family Law Section also stands as the sole HBA section providing family law specialists for every LegalLine program.

In addition to these services, the Family Law Section consistently supports the Annual Harvest Celebration, benefiting Houston Volunteer Lawyers.
The President’s Award is presented to the Labor & Employment Law Section. Throughout the 2023-2024 bar year, this section actively engaged with and supported the HBA and HBF, while offering a plethora of benefits to its members.

The section is dedicated to fostering networking opportunities and providing topical CLE seminars for labor and employment law attorneys in Houston. These meetings, open to both members and non-members, feature panels of seasoned practitioners and judges, supplemented by brief updates from junior attorneys on recent developments in labor and employment law. Throughout the past year, the section hosted distinguished speakers, including federal and state judges, as well as representatives from federal agencies, such as OSHA and the EEOC. Each lunch draws approximately 70-100 attendees.

In addition to professional gatherings, the Labor & Employment Law Section organizes various social events for its members, including its popular holiday party.

Moreover, the section is committed to nurturing the next generation of attorneys through its annual scholarship, the Timothy Bowne Fellowship, named in honor of a former section chair. This fellowship awards a $3,000 grant to a deserving law student undertaking an unpaid summer internship with a governmental entity and showing a keen interest in labor and employment law.

The Labor & Employment Law Section remains steadfast in its support and sponsorship of the Annual Harvest Celebration, benefiting Houston Volunteer Lawyers and pro bono services.
The President’s Award is presented to the Litigation Section. The Litigation Section has actively supported and engaged with the HBA and HBF, offering invaluable member benefits.

Member education is a cornerstone of the section's efforts, providing ongoing, in-person CLEs focused on trending litigation topics. Additionally, the section has introduced new "young professional" webinars, specifically designed to provide speaking opportunities for attorneys with less than six years of experience.

The Litigation Section has forged strategic partnerships and networking opportunities, collaborating closely with the judiciary, the state bar, and other HBA sections. These partnerships have resulted in judicial networking events, informative discussions on the jury trial system, and panel sessions featuring esteemed Texas Supreme Court justices, with an emphasis on promoting diversity in the legal profession.

Supporting the talent pipeline is a key priority for the section, which actively sponsors advocacy programs and events at all three local law schools. In a significant move in 2024, the section established a continuing scholarship program at the University of Houston Law Center, South Texas College of Law Houston, and Thurgood Marshall School of Law, further nurturing the next generation of litigation advocates.

In alignment with its commitment to community, the HBA Litigation Section contributes annually to the Harvest celebration. This contribution supports access to justice initiatives and recognizes the impactful work carried out by the HBF and its partners within the community.
Benny Agosto, Jr.

HBA Past President (2019-2020) and current HBF Board Member Benny Agosto, Jr., managing partner of Abraham, Watkins, Nichols, Agosto, Aziz & Stogner, is renowned in Houston’s broader legal community, and certainly within the Houston Bar Association.

In May 2019, Benny took office as president of the 10,000+ member Houston Bar Association. Prior to that, he had been an active member of the HBA Board of Directors and held numerous committee and program leadership roles. Benny had a clear vision for his year as president: Celebrate the amazing diversity of our bar members and our city, while developing programs to strengthen the HBA’s commitment to equity and inclusion; support literacy efforts; and emphasize the importance of professionalism and leadership.

Benny continued this vision throughout the past bar year, in particular, with his sponsorship of the HBA Ambassadors and leaders of local bars attendance at the 74th Annual Harvest Celebration to broaden the reach of this signature HBA event throughout the Houston legal community.

The following is a list of just some of Benny's contributions to the HBA over many years, in addition to his service as co-chair of the Habitat for Humanity Committee and joining the Houston Bar Foundation Board of Directors this year:

- Consistently sponsors our Habitat home builds and joins his firm to help in building the homes
- Past HBA President
- Bench Bar Conference speaker and attendee
- Bench Bar Conference breakout leader
- Speaker at many CLE programs
- Past State Bar of Texas Director
- Life Fellow
- HBF Endowment
- Diversity Summit sponsor
- Harvest Celebration Ambassadors sponsor
- Harvest Celebration Affinity Bar sponsor
- HBA mentor
- Speakers Bureau volunteer
- Published and interviewed for 'The Houston Lawyer'
- Local Bar president connection
- Created the Justice Ruby Kless Sondock Award
- Created the HBA LGBTQ+ Committee
- Created the HBA Diversity Awards
Additionally, Benny has chaired several committees and initiatives over his years of service, including:

- Bench Bar Conference Committee
- Habitat for Humanity Committee
- Campaign to End Homelessness & Hunger (CEHH) Committee
- Annual Harvest Celebration
- Continuing Legal Education Committee
- Dispute Resolution Center (DRC)
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Committee
- Gender Fairness Committee
- Golf Tournament Committee
- HAY Center Committee
- IDEA
- Judicial Polls Committee
- Juvenile Consequences Partnership (JCP)
- Law & the Media Committee
- Law Week Committee
- Lawyers for a Beautiful Houston (L4BH) Committee
- LGBTQ+ Committee
- Professionalism Committee
- Membership Committee
- Speakers Bureau Committee

Benny has received many awards and recognitions for his work, but he has said he is most proud of the dedication he and his wife, Nichole, have for education and helping others. In 2021, Benny donated $3 million to his alma mater, South Texas College of Law Houston, to establish a diversity center. In recognition of one of the largest single gifts to any law schools for this purpose, the law school named the center The Benny Agosto, Jr. Diversity Center at South Texas College of Law Houston. The Agosto Center provides resources, education, and programming to better understand DEI and its impact on the legal profession.

In addition to this milestone, Benny's accomplishments include the establishment of a scholarship for first-generation students at the University of Houston Law Center, his role as president of the Hispanic National Bar Association and president & co-founder of it's legal education fund, as well as his founding of the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas (MABATX) Foundation. He is also an avid supporter of his church and the Star of Hope.

Through his dedication and service, Benny Agosto, Jr. has left an indelible mark on the legal profession and greater Houston community.
The Justice Eugene A. Cook Professionalism Award
Introduction

In 2018, HBA President Warren Harris and the HBA Board of Directors created the Justice Eugene A. Cook Professionalism Award, the association's highest award for professionalism. The inaugural award was presented to its namesake, the Honorable Eugene A. Cook, a former Texas Supreme Court justice and former HBA president. The Houston Bar Association is honored to present the 2024 award to two HBA members who exemplify the highest level of legal ethics and a lifetime of professionalism: Judge Keith P. Ellison and Christopher L. Tritico.

Previous Recipients
2018 – Hon. Eugene A. Cook
2019 – Harry Reasoner and Fred Hagans
2020 – Kelly Frels
2021 – David J. Beck
2022 – Hon. Edith H. Jones
2023 – Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal and Reagan W. Simpson
Judge Keith P. Ellison, United States district judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Harvard. In his senior year, he was one of 32 Americans chosen as Rhodes Scholars to study at Oxford University. He graduated from Oxford with first class honors in law. After Oxford, he earned a law degree at Yale, where he was an editor of *The Yale Law Journal*. Following graduation, he clerked for Judge J. Skelly Wright on the D.C. Circuit, and then for Justice Blackmun.

While in private practice, Ellison was active in many public interest efforts, including the representation of aliens seeking asylum in the United States. At the time of his confirmation to the bench, Ellison was president-elect of the Gulf Coast Legal Foundation, which provided legal services to the disadvantaged. He also served as a director of the American-South African Scholarship Association, which funded and awarded scholarships for deserving South African college students. For more than 20 years he has participated in, and is now a director of, Houston Achievement Place, which offers housing and tutoring to at-risk youth, and is active in the EMERGE program, which pairs promising public high school seniors with Houston professionals.

He and his wife, Kathleen Ellison, who is a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright, have been married for 41 years.
Christopher L. Tritico, founding member of Tritico Rainey, PLLC, is a native Houstonian who received his Bachelor's Degree at Sam Houston State University and his Doctor of Jurisprudence at South Texas College of Law.

Mr. Tritico is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and the Tenth Circuits, and the United States District Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of Texas. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, the Harris County Criminal Lawyers Association (president 2012), and the Houston Bar Association. Mr. Tritico was named one of Texas Super Lawyers 2003-2020 by Texas Monthly Magazine and one of the Top Lawyers for the People by H Texas Magazine in 2005-2020.

Named one of Texas top rated lawyers since 2012 and the National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Lawyers, 2012-2020 and America's Top 100 Criminal Defense Attorney's 2018-2020. In 2014, his name was placed on the Wall of Honor for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Sam Houston State University and given the Reflections of Hope Award by the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. He is also a Senior Fellow, American Leadership Forum, Class XXXIII.

A criminal defense attorney his entire career, Mr. Tritico handles cases in both state and federal courts, ranging from environmental law to capital murder. Mr. Tritico has represented notable athletes, such as Moses Malone, former Houston Rocket; Gary Sheffield, All-Star third baseman for the Florida Marlins; and Julio Lugo, former Houston Astro. In 1997, Mr. Tritico was one of the trial lawyers representing Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City Bombing. Since 1988, Mr. Tritico has represented the interest of professional educators; he is general counsel for the Houston Federation of Teachers, Lone Star AFT, Cy Fair AFT, North East Houston AFT, Aldine AFT and the Fort Bend American Federation of Teachers. Mr. Tritico has represented teachers' interest in both criminal district court and civil district court in Harris County, Texas, as well as federal court.

Mr. Tritico began his career as an associate of famed attorney Richard “Racehorse” Haynes. After leaving Mr. Haynes' office in 1994, Mr. Tritico started his present firm, Tritico Rainey, PLLC, in 2011. A regular speaker, Mr. Tritico has presented workshops in areas such as administrative rights for teachers and on criminal law.

Mr. Tritico has appeared on Megyn Kelly Today, Good Morning America, World News Tonight, Night Line, CBS Evening News, Meet the Press, Dateline NBC, 20/20, CNN, Fox News Channel, Court TV and others, both nationally and internationally. In 2018 the Oxygen Channel premiered “In Defense Of.” Mr. Tritico was assistant producer of the series and featured in the premier episode. Mr. Tritico is the host of Fox26Law on Fox 26 KRIV and the legal analyst for Fox 26 and New Radio 740 KTRH in Houston.

Tritico has demonstrated unwavering commitment to ensuring due process for the accused, showcasing the highest standards of legal ethics and professionalism.
The Justice Ruby Kless Sondock Award
The Justice Ruby Kless Sondock Award was established by 2019-2020 HBA President Benny Agosto, Jr. to recognize outstanding achievement and leadership for women in the law. The inaugural recipient of the award was its namesake, the Honorable Ruby Kless Sondock, the first woman to serve on the Texas Supreme Court and the first woman District Court Judge in Harris County. Justice Sondock is a trailblazer for women in the law in every sense of the word. In addition to her storied judicial and legal career, she continues to serve as an advocate and mentor, founding the first Houston attorney association for women. The Houston Bar Association is honored to present the 2024 award to Judge Carolyn Dineen King.

Previous Recipients
2019 – Hon. Ruby Kless Sondock
2020 – Lynne Liberato and Hon. Alice Oliver-Parrott
2021 – Susan L. Bickley
2022 – Hon. Tracy Christopher
2023 – Ann Ryan Robertson
Judge Carolyn Dineen King is a circuit judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Following her graduation from Smith College and Yale Law School, Judge King practiced law in Houston, principally with Fulbright & Jaworski (now Norton Rose Fulbright), focusing primarily on corporate and federal securities matters. In 1979, she was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the Fifth Circuit. Judge King was the chief judge of the Fifth Circuit from January 1999 through January 2006. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist appointed Judge King to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States, which governs the federal court system, in 2000 and to chair that Committee from 2002 through 2005. Judge King was the principal impetus for a rigorous cost containment system first implemented by the federal courts in 2005.

Judge King served as a member of the Board of Directors of Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center until 2018. She also served from 2007-2019 as a member of the Board of Trustees of Baylor College of Medicine and currently is an emeritus member. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the University of St. Thomas for ten years and chaired that board from 1994-1998. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast from 1979 to 1985, serving a member of the Executive Committee and as Treasurer.

Judge King was married for 16 years to the late fellow Circuit Judge Thomas M. Reavley. She has three sons and two granddaughters.
These attorneys have reached their 50th year of law practice and are now emeritus members of the HBA.

- Hon. Nancy Atlas
- Darrell Barger
- Dean Barker
- Bruce Baughman
- Riecke Baumann
- Roger Beck
- Michael Bell
- Robert Bennett
- Theodore Borrego
- James Bradley
- Gary Bush
- Richard Callaway
- Carol Carrier
- Thomas Cook
- Tom Cunningham
- Ernestine Dansby
- Algenita Scott Davis
- Monte Donaldson
- David Dulock
- David Dunlap
- Stacy Eastland
- Robert Eutsler
- Michael Feehan
- Kenneth Fenelon
- Tommy Fibich
- Albert Finch
- Stewart W. Gagnon
- Dennis Gardner
- Albert Giddens
- Robert Givens
- John Glover
- Steven Glover
- J. Weldon Granger
- Bill Green
- Michael Hays
- William Henri
- Riley Hetherington
- Larry Knapp
- John Lastrapes
- Stuart Levin

- Martin Levy
- Leonard Ligon
- Stephen Mason
- Edward Mattingly
- William Maynard
- Ralph McBride
- Stephen McCarthy
- Garland McInnis
- Robert Morse
- Stephen Mueller
- Eugene Nettles
- Hon. Rory Olsen
- Randall Pais
- Daniel Pappas
- Charles Parker
- David Peden
- Bette Pesikoff
- Hon. Thomas Phillips
- Jesse Pierce
- Michael Powell
- Barry Racusin
- Clifton Ransom
- Ronald Restrepo
- Richard Rose
- Barbara Runge
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