

TEXAS LEGAL LEGEND: James (“Jim”) E. Coleman, Jr.
Induction – February 25, 2020 at SMU Law School, Dallas

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At 12:15pm on February 25, 2020, the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas will induct James E. Coleman, Jr. as a Texas Legal Legend in the Walsh Classroom at Southern Methodist University School of Law.

Coleman studied law at University of Virginia, where he was a member of the Board of Editors for the Virginia Law Review. After entering Georgia Institute of Technology and at the age of 19, Coleman enlisted in the Army and served as a platoon leader with Patton’s Third Army in the 87th Infantry in 1944. Following his valiant military service that earned him a Silver Star, Coleman returned to Georgia Institute of Technology, graduating with his bachelor’s degree before attending law school. During the Korean conflict, Coleman was assigned to work in Washington D.C. with the CIA.

Coleman began his legal career in Dallas in 1953 and currently works as senior counsel at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal, L.L.P, the firm that he co-founded in 1970. Coleman has been listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* from 1983 to the present and continues to be recognized for his significant contributions to the legal profession. Serving as the lead attorney in hundreds of trials, Coleman counts Ford Motor Co., GM, and John Deere as some of his most high-profile clients. He won a multibillion-dollar case for Oscar Wyatt’s Coastal States in 1972, and represented Key Lay following the 2001 Enron incident.

Over the course of his career, Coleman has advocated for professionalism within the practice of law. In his role as mentor and colleague, he stresses the importance of attorneys maintaining civility and understanding above all what it means to be a real professional. Because of his dedication to professionalism within the courtroom and beyond, he is widely considered one of the most respected lawyers in Texas.

Texas Legal Legends is a project of the Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas. Its purpose is to memorialize the stories of many legendary lawyers who have practiced in Texas, and to use those stories to enhance the public’s understanding of the historical importance of law students and lawyers making a difference – not just a living. Legends like Jim Coleman are prime examples of lawyers who have spent their professional careers serving others and taking on challenges that are much bigger than themselves.

The complete list of Legends inductees includes (in order of induction):

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| 1. Joe Jamail | 11. Blackie Holmes | 21. Lloyd P. Lochridge |
| 2. Joe Reynolds | 12. Craig Washington | 22. Patton G. “Pat” Lochridge |
| 3. Harry Reasoner | 13. Scott Baldwin | 23. Tom Morris |
| 4. Barbara Aldave | 14. Royal Furgeson, Jr. | 24. Harriet Miers |
| 5. Carolyn Dineen King | 15. Bob Black | 25. Carolyn Wright |
| 6. Gibson Gayle, Jr. | 16. George Chandler | 26. James R. Harrington |
| 7. LA Bedford | 17. Mary Lou Robinson | 27. Dicky Grigg |
| 8. Jerry Goldstein | 18. Forrest Bowers | 28. James B. Sales |
| 9. Adelfa B. Callejo | 19. Ruby Sondock | |
| 10. Broadus Spivey | 20. H. Ron White | |

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